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THE SPOTLIGHT

Beginning with this issue the SPOTLIGHT will occupy the opening spot in order to focus attention on those activities and organizations which in the opinion of the Americanism Commission present the greatest danger or interest for that particular month either from a subversive or Un-American activity standpoint. All recipients of this SUMMARY are urged to give maximum dissemination in their Departments and areas to all SPOTLIGHT warnings.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA

The June 14 issue of the right-wing Socialist NEW LEADER reports that plans are being made secretly for the YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS of AMERICA, later this year, to absorb AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, now a fairly well discredited and exposed Communist front. The NEW LEADER quotes an unidentified "high official of the YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS of AMERICA" as saying: "All of us here are A.Y.D.ers. A.Y.D. won't last forever. There must be a real youth group for campus people. Y.P.C.A. will eventually be that group." In the meantime Y.P.C.A. is planning a Youth Lobby in Washington which HENRY WALLACE will address. Both the AYD and YPCA are planning to send delegates to the WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL in Prague, July 20-August 17. Legionnaires able to supply information on YPCA absorption or amalgamation with AMERICAN YOUTH for DEMOCRACY in their local communities are requested to forward such information to the Americanism Division.

WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, Prague, Czechoslovakia

Informed anti-Communist circles are of the strong belief that the COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL, ostensibly dissolved in May, 1943, will continue to operate with three "open", i.e., above ground arms and one secret underground central controlling machine known simply in Communist lingo as the APPARAT. All espionage

and illegal work is naturally carried out by the APPARAT. The three open and above ground divisions are the WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, the WOMENS INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (successor to the INTERNATIONAL WOMENS CONGRESS) and the WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH. These are powerful international pressure groups whose influence should never be dismissed as unimportant. The WFTU, for example, is pressing for United Nations representation. JOE CURRAN and HARRY BRIDGES recently threatened to use the WFTU maritime workers all over the world to tie up American ships in foreign ports in the event that the United States tried to clear strike bound ships with strike-breakers or government service personnel.

About five hundred young Americans including veterans will travel to Prague this summer to participate in what is euphemistically represented to be a "World Youth Festival". The majority will come from non-Communist organizations but the AYD will be well represented. The Festival will be underwritten by the Czechoslovakian government of which a veteran Comintern functionary, CLEMENT GOTTWALD, is now Prime Minister. Director of the Festival's program of "young workers, peasants and farmers, students, young people from religious, cultural, and sports organizations of all continents spending their holidays playing and learning, and working together" will be another seasoned NKVD agent OTTO KATZ, alias ANDRE SIMON. The WFDY claims the fantastic total of 45,000,000 young members in 62 countries with most of them probably in the Soviet Union. Its U.S. affiliate is the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD, 144 Bleecker Street, New York 12, New York. The "free youth of America" will make side trips to Communist Poland and Titoslovakia to study "real democratic freedom" at first hand. Oddly enough no other educational side trips are planned to any other country. The American backers of this Comintern enterprise tried to hoodwink the U. S. government into supplying an army transport or other vessel to carry the delegates to Europe but the State Department ruled that the project was political rather than educational.

and academic, thus scotching this bright idea.

PLAIN TALK carried a small article on the Festival in its June issue. The N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM claimed that Mrs. Wendell Wilkie, Carl Sandburg, Sinclair Lewis, Helen Hayes, Ingrid Bergman, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Cornelius Otis Skinner, and Thomas Mann either contributed financially to help defray the delegates' expenses, estimated at \$700 apiece, or sponsored the Festival. On the other hand the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE, and several others decided against sending official delegates. The GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY withdrew as soon as the AMERICAN YOUTH for a FREE WORLD accented the AYD as a bona fide youth group.

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HOWARD FAST'S BOOKS

Outstanding literary light in the American Communist solar system is a recent arrival, HOWARD FAST, NEW MASSES Assistant Editor. Incredible as it may be FAST's class-angled and highly functionalized "histories" and alleged biographies are still widely distributed in school and other libraries. FAST and sixteen other officials of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE are presently under indictment and trial in Washington, D.C., for contempt of Congress. The JAFRC, according to the F.B.I., financed GERHART BISLER as an "antifascist refugee" to the tune of \$6,000 while he engaged in various forms of Communist activity in this country.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

COUNTER-ATTACK, a new anti-Communist newsletter (\$24 per year) founded by some former F.B.I. agents, claims that the Commies have taken in "over a million dollars" during its recent fund-collecting drive. Each CP member, it claims, was docked a week's wages, which in the case of scores of successful Broadway play-

wrights and wealthy Hollywood proletarians of the charmagne and caviar brigade, could have easily run into some real money. Many non-Party camp followers contributed heavily according to COUNTER-ATTACK. (Sample copies can be secured on application to American Business Consultants, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y.)

C.P. propaganda continues to lay heavy emphasis on two main theme songs, 1.) the coming American crash, and 2.) the "amalgam" allegation that all anti-Communist activity is really not aimed at the C.P. at all but is actually a sinister plot to smash labor and destroy civil liberties. It is simply astonishing and at the same time depressing to see how effective such lying propaganda can really be. Liberals, Catholics, Negroes, labor and other minority groups are solemnly warned "IT IS REALLY YOU THEY ARE AFTER!" The fact that representatives from such groups have appeared before Legislative hearings in Washington, Michigan, Illinois, California, and elsewhere to lodge vigorous protests against proposed bills to investigate Communist activities proves that this Communist strategy of scaring and winning over allies to defend them is quite effective.

Heavy emphasis is laid on the fact that German Catholics, Socialists, liberals, and labor leaders who shunned Communists and refused to collaborate with them ultimately found themselves in the same Nazi concentration camps and Gestapo torture cells as the Communists. The inference being that American liberals and minorities who now refuse to defend Communists when they are under attack will very shortly find themselves in American concentration camps and torture cells of the "American fascists seeking to smash and enslave labor". Even PHIL MURRAY refers to the Taft-Harley labor bill as the "first step towards fascism". It cannot be denied that this fear type of propaganda is highly effective among the uncritical and unreflecting.

The Varga "theme song" of the coming American depression has now

reached its fullest crescendo in the world wide Communist press and its vast network of Charlie McCarthies. The Communist President of Poland, Chief Counsel PRESSMAN of the C.I.O., French stooges of the Comintern, and many others have taken up the refrain, now rapidly becoming a chant. Increased relief and unemployment figures are gleefully blown up and given prominent space in all C.P. publicity outlets. The California Veterans Committee of the C.I.O., for example, claims that there are 186,000 unemployed vets in California alone.

EXPULSIONS. Alert and well-informed anti-Communist sources as well as the C.P. itself have been strangely silent on a series of expulsions from the Party amounting almost to a Moscow purge. Newspapers gave a little publicity last year to the ousting of playwright RUTH MCKENNEY and her husband BRUCE MINTON (right name BRANSTON). Since they were cast into outer darkness other Party stalwarts have walked the plank, including SAM DARCY, JACK LAWRENSON, BURT SUTTA, ARTHUR KEITH, JAMES DRURY, M. HEDLEY STONE, and a number of others largely in New York and San Francisco. Most of them were quietly dumped without benefit of trial or even appearances before Review Commissions (formerly Control Commissions.) No one apparently knows how extensive these purges have been or the total number ousted. The exellects, it should be made clear, are not Browderites, Trotzkyites, right deviationists, or revisionists but insist that they are ultra left, true blue Leninist revolutionaries. They charge that the Communist leadership has sold out to the class enemy and is treacherously betraying the revolution in this country. In fact, they indict DENNIS, FOSTER, and the present bureaucracy of "revisionism", Kvostism (tailism), and other heinous crimes against the gospel of Marx-Engels-Lenin. Oddly enough, they do not attack Stalin or Russian Communists but on the contrary insist that they alone are the true followers of Stalin and the Russian party line in this country.

THE FEVER CHART. The Fred Woltman exposes in the N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM of various conny slick maneuvers and new front organizations; the EISLER and MARZANI convictions in Washington; EUGENE DENNIS' (Waldron) trial for contempt; the Michigan Callahan bill to investigate Communism in that state; the Washington trial of sixteen leaders of the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE (including HOWARD FAST) for contempt; and the activities of the ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC TRADE UNIONISTS all contributed to raise C.P. temperature during the past month as revealed by an analysis of their various periodicals. Adolf Menjou's and Robert Taylor's testimony on Hollywood Communism before a sub-committee of the House Un-American Activities Committee; General Mark Clark's frank speech on Soviet looting of Austria; the LIFE and NEWSWEEK articles on Communism; the Illinois Legislature's vote to set up its own state Un-American Activities investigation; and the California Tenney Committee also contributed materially to Communist unhappiness during the past month.

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COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, AND CULTURAL FIELDS

CARL ALDO MARZANI, 35 year old State Department official was convicted on May 22 on all eleven counts of an indictment charging him with concealing his C.P. affiliation. He faces a maximum of ten years on each count. Sentence has not been passed. MARZANI insisted he was never a Communist although the prosecution brought in a number of former C.P. members including undercover operatives of the N.Y. Police Force who all testified that they had attended closed Communist meetings at which MARZANI boasted that "now is the time for revolution" as far back as 1941. It should be noted that the MARZANI conviction was based on fraud perpetrated against the U.S. government and not on his C.P. membership which was not an issue in the trial. Oddly enough, MARZANI was trapped and first exposed by

alert House Un-American Activities Committee employe who spotted his name in a voluminous index of New York State petition signers to place the Communist Party on the ballot.

The Civil Service Commission has notified Congress that 24 persons were fired or resigned from the Federal payroll and 42 others were denied jobs after loyalty checks between January 1, 1946, and March 31, 1947. Of the 66, 47 were classified as Communists, 3 as Fascists, 11 as Nazis, and 5 were pro-Japanese.

The initiative of a Unitarian layman, LARRY S. DAVIDOW of Detroit and the testimony of two other Unitarian laymen finally put an end to a disgraceful situation in that church wherein a consistent fellow traveller and pro-Communist, the Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN was belatedly ousted from his editorial post on the official Christian Register after years of slanting and biasing that church publication. It was alleged that the Reverend FRITCHMAN had been a member, sponsor, or officer of at least 25 different C.P. front organizations during the past ten years. FRITCHMAN defended his pro-Soviet, pro-Communist line on the grounds of Unitarian liberalism but his "liberalism" included an attack on the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION because it defended the right of all people to freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Like the Communists, the Reverend gentleman's "liberalism" and freedom of speech was restricted to his own particular line of goods. This was the last straw apparently as far as the American Unitarian Association was concerned. A committee of inquiry was set up, hearings conducted and the Executive Committee found FRITCHMAN guilty as charged by a vote of 6 to 3. A subsequent discussion, however, led to a switch of two votes, so that the final result was 5 to 4 for clearing him. He persisted, however, in his pro-Soviet editorializing and was ultimately suspended by the Executive Board after prolonged wrangling over his rights as Editor of the Christian Register. The membership sustained the Executive Board by an overwhelming vote.

DAVIDOW faced FRITCHMAN at the annual assembly meeting and pointing his finger at the former editor, dramatically charged, "I insist that he is a Communist and I invite him to start legal action for slander." DAVIDOW had studied back issues of the Christian Register and had found its pages "replete with Communist propaganda, exalting the Communist dictatorship."

HOLLYWOOD. CHARLIE CHAPLIN, DOROTHY PARKER, EDWARD G. ROBINSON and other Hollywood celebrities will be invited to Washington by special subpoena this September to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee just what they know about Communism in the nation's movie capital. Miss PARKER, a writer, recently addressed a New York rally for the convicted Comintern agent HANS EISLER. She said she came to "damn the souls" of the House Un-American Activities Committee and its Chairman, Representative PARNELL THOMAS of New Jersey.

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COMMUNISTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The maritime strike which has just been settled as this issue goes to press presented several curious angles. JOE CURRAN and the other anti-Communists temporarily set aside their feud with the Stalinists to concentrate all efforts on the strike and negotiations with the steamship owners. The NATIONAL MARITIME UNION, in fact, denied that they were on strike but insisted that they had been "locked out." N.M.U. crews continued to work their ships in port but refused to sign articles permitting the vessels to clear for the open sea. This "stay in strike" in best syndicalist tradition kept the seamen on the payroll and obviated the disadvantage of moving gear ashore and paying for board and room.

Communist interest in the maritime situation is pointed up by a WOLTMAN disclosure in the N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM that HARRY BRIDGES attended a

secret conference in New York with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary of the C.P., ROBERT THOMPSON, N. Y. State Secretary of the Party, and AL LANNON (right name VITERI) "national co-ordinator for the marine industry." The conference was allegedly held behind JOE CURRAN's back in the apartment of MURRAY WINOCUR, Secretary of the C.I.O. Maritime Joint Policy Committee. WINOCUR, a radio operator and an AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION official, was removed from his ship as a subversive during the war by the U.S. Navy under Public Law No. 351. According to the New York newspaper BRIDGES "looked flabbergasted" when an enterprising WORLD-TELEGRAM reporter asked, "Did you have a good conference with Mr. Foster?" BRIDGES is reported to have denied that he came out of any building, "What conference? I don't know what you are talking about. I just ran down the street after this cab. You're crazy -- I don't know what you are talking about."

JOE CURRAN during the war yelled the loudest to "Open a Second Front Now!" Although of military age and without minor dependents he studiously avoided military service himself resorting to White House pressure on his draft board when his number was called. CURRAN now finds himself fighting for his life on two fronts. The employers forced him to side with the Communists in spreading the maritime strike while at the same time he is forced to fight a defensive action on a second front against the Communists. The Waterfront Section of the C.P. ordered all of its members back to sea a few months ago in order to capture ships' committees and to land delegateships to the N.M.U. Convention this fall when the C.P. undoubtedly will either try to oust CURRAN or else surround and immobilize him with a complete Stalinist hierarchy of officials. CURRAN accuses the sea-going commies of instigating smear and slander campaigns against him and his supporters and of plotting "hay wire actions", i.e., unauthorized quickie strikes, in order to embarrass his administration of the union. Another sly

Communist maneuver is to rewrite certain sections of the N.M.U. Constitution abolishing or consolidating certain key union offices in order to remove Curranites from power.

The maritime strike had far more serious implications than merely trying to tie up those American vessels under Communist-C.I.O. control. Informed circles pointed out that the French and Italian governments are precariously clinging to power only as long as they can avoid general strikes and major political crises. Both governments and their national economies are today totally dependent on food, coal, and oil shipped in from the outside world, largely in American bottoms. The North African grain crop cannot be harvested and moved to France and Italy before August 15th. In the two critical months intervening both countries and their non-Communist governments are therefore vitally dependent on American shipping. An informed government source gave it as his private opinion that any prolonged shipping strike, no matter what its apparent American motivation, might quite possibly lead to hunger riots and demonstrations in both Italy and France and the collapse or Communist overthrow of the governments. CURRAN is settling for a 5% wage increase instead of the 20% demanded and abandonment of several other union demands has apparently for the time being thwarted the Communist plot to tie up U. S. shipping for several weeks. The danger of "lever action"s by other Communist-controlled maritime unions walking out and forcing the N.M.U. to respect their picket lines, nevertheless, still remains as part of the Comintern's over-all grand strategy planned on a global basis.

MIKE QUILL's slow-down of the New York transit system by the old French syndicalist technique of sabotage known as "following out literally every word in the company's book of rules" affords an interesting example of Communist sabotage tactics where direct strike action is either inadvisable or prohibited by law. The French postal system was virtually brought to a standstill about a

decade ago by this syndicalist tactic. It naturally has the advantage of harrasing and exasperating the government or management without the loss of a dollar's wages to the slow down saboteurs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN wrote a small I.W.W. pamphlet entitled "SABOTAGE" about thirty years ago when she was still a member of the "wobblies" and it is quite plain the Communists are merely taking a page out of this now almost forgotten and extremely rare I.W.W. booklet.

UNITED AUTO WORKERS EXECUTIVE BOARD ducks a tough one when it recently voted 9 to 8 against enforcing a Constitutional ban on office-holding by Communists. Enforcement is to be left to local unions, which cynical observers say means the whole question is relegated to the dust bin.

PHIL MURRAY PLASTS C.P.crs. The LABOR LEADER, official organ of the ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC TRADE UNIONISTS, reports that the C.I.O. President, long noted for his neat footwork on the high wire of dodging the Communist issue and maintaining his balance between the Left and Right, lost his patience with the Stalinists at the May meeting of the C.I.O.'s Executive Board. MURRAY is reported as saying, "If Communism is an issue in any of your unions, throw it to hell out and throw its advocates out along with it." In an angry denunciation of MAURICE TRAVIS, selected by the MINE MILL and SMELTERS WORKERS union Communists to succeed ousted pro-Communist REID ROBINSON, MURRAY charged, "When a man accepts office -- paid office in a union -- to render service to workers, and then delivers that service to other outside interests, that man is nothing but a damned traitor." MURRAY is also reported as having stated, "There is no reason why any leader of the C.I.O. should apologize for Communism. There has been too much of that. It should be stopped." It has been previously observed that while MURRAY talks a good fight against the Communists he still has to demonstrate that he has ever done them any real injury or given them any serious setbacks.

A long two column article in the WORKER of June 15th by the C.P.'s National Labor Secretary, JOHN WILLIAMSON, indicates where effective counter-action does hurt. WILLIAMSON's tirade is mainly directed against a Pittsburgh priest, the Reverend Charles O. Rice. The priest wrote two articles for OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, a Catholic paper, suggesting that organization within the unions is the only effective answer and antidote to super efficient Communist infiltration in the unions. The Catholic clergyman advocated tightly organized joint efforts by all non-Communists in the unions banded together on a broad basis of unity against the Communists.

This evidently hit a most sensitive nerve in the Communist apparatus because the C.P. reacted very quickly through no less spokesman than its National Labor Secretary. Such "Vatican meddling in labor unions" is, of course, according to the commies nothing but the "sinister opening wedge of clerical fascism."

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OTHER COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, FRONTS, and MISCELLANEOUS

CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN. While a great deal of publicity and attention has been attracted to the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY as a C.P. front, particularly in the colleges, another equally dangerous C.P. satellite has quietly and effectively been branching out. Three of CAW's vice chairmen, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, RUTH YOUNG, and GERTRUDE LANE, are either veteran Communists or fellow travellers from away back. Dr. GENE WELTFISH, Chairman, is a fellow traveller and the C.A.W.'s frequently and lavishly endorsed in the DAILY WORKER and other C.P. organs.

UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS OF AMERICA. The first annual convention of UNAVA held in New York over Memorial Day weekend attracted very little attention in any of the radical papers except the C.P. press which naturally

devoted considerable space to the encampment. Three hundred delegates reputedly represented twenty states. No total membership claims were made. Main planks in the convention's program were:

1. Protection of lives and property of Negro veterans in the Deep South.
2. Federal aid in securing terminal leave bonds for Southern Negro veterans.
3. Enforcement of Federal laws governing Negro rights and benefits.

A UNAVA delegation went to the War Department in Washington and secured modification of certain rules requiring notarization of terminal leave applications. It also appealed for extension of the deadline on filing such applications.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP. Created ostensibly to promote American-Soviet relations, this leading C.P. front recently once again demonstrated its unilateral and Un-American function of supporting and defending Russian foreign policy and at the same time criticizing and opposing American policy. As its latest contribution to international amity and understanding it has set up the UNITED COMMITTEE AGAINST INTERVENTION IN GREECE AND TURKEY. The UNITED COMMITTEE consists of such well-known Communist fronts as: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN, VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE, and the AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GREECE. It also claims the support of the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY and some fifty A.F.L. and C.I.O. unions, not identified. The COUNCIL also sought to discredit and reject the Baruch Atomic Control Plan put forward by the United States.

HAROLD L. ICKES, Senators SALTONSTALL of Massachusetts and CAPPER of Kansas, Dr. KARL COMPTON, Judge LEARNED HAND, WILLIAM L. EATT and a number of other prominent Americans promptly withdrew their names as sponsors or supporters of NCASF but to date RAYMOND MASSEY, FIORELLO LA GUARDIA, GERARD SWOPE, ALBERT

EINSTEIN, HELEN KELLER, Bishop HENRY K. SHERRILL, and a number of other non-Communists still permit the use of their names on the pro-Soviet organization's letterhead.

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COMMUNISM ABROAD

TOGLIATTI's Italian Communists have now declared open war on the de Gasperi government and the threat of a political general strike is being brought out in the open more and more. The Comintern's power over French labor was demonstrated in the recent general railroad strike in France and the threat of a general strike continues to dangle by a thread like the sword of Damocles over the shaky government of Franco. The Communist seizure of power in Hungary followed the all too familiar old pattern: infiltration, economic, political, and morale sabotage from within summed up in the word "subversion", the slandering and terrorization of all opponents, the frame-up (in this case the childish charge that Prime Minister NAGY was plotting with "fascists" against his own regime) and the final seizure of absolute power and quick stifling of all civil liberties and means of protest.

An ugly, bullet-headed little man with bold, shrewd eyes, MATYAS RAKOSI, long a Comintern functionary and a Russian subject and Brig. General in the Red Army becomes the Commissar for Soviet Hungary. He openly boasted that he "had put it over before the United States could rub its eyes." RAKOSI was one of the Communist International officials who signed the dissolution of the Comintern in 1943 which led many trusting and naive Americans to believe that Stalin had "reformed" under the pressure of war and gratitude for American military and economic aid. Meanwhile the terror and liquidation of the last free voices of opposition in Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Poland is being stepped

up according to reliable reports from those Soviet-dominated lands. Even moderately democratic Czechoslovakia where some civil liberties are still retained, reports a "purge" of all "criminals of the pen", i.e., Czech patriots not too friendly towards their own Communist masters or toward the Soviet Union. The formula, of course, is quite simple. "All anti-Communists are Fascists. All fascists should be put to death or at least silenced by long prison terms."

POLISH "BUSINESSMAN" VISITS THE U.S. How easily American businessmen can be duped by commies was recently cited in the NEW LEADER, a right wing Socialist paper. One GEORGE BOREJZSA headed a Polish "trade mission" to this country recently. He painted a rosy picture of handsome profits which American businessmen could make dealing with Poland. Even the usually careful and staid NEW YORK TIMES accorded BOREJZSA a dignified interview as a "leading Polish Businessman." According to the NEW LEADER BOREJZSA is actually the Communist director of a publishing co-operative through which the Polish dictatorship owns and operates all printing plants -- even those printing Catholic publications. Like the rest of the notorious Lublin Committee now dominating the Polish government, BOREJZSA was a Soviet subject before moving into Poland with the Red Army. During the Spanish Civil War he was allegedly a correspondent for IZVESTIA. The NEW LEADER claims that his brother, who uses the alias of "Major ROZANSKI", is the Director of the Polish Security Police torture chamber in Warsaw, an adjunct of the NKVD. To all of which the NEW LEADER sarcastically comments: "Nice people, these Polish 'businessmen' who denounce American dollar diplomacy but then come over here begging for American dollars."

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QUIPS AND BITS -- THE LIGHTER SIDE

Life is tough all over -- even in the Russian Army. The Berlin correspondent of the London DAILY MAIL claims that there is a far-reaching purge

sweeping the Soviet Army of Occupation in Germany. The purge is reputedly aimed at Russian-Jewish and other racial minority troops, those who have been living with frauleins, playing the black market, or getting too friendly with Germans and too deeply involved in German life and problems. All such "undesirables", officers as well as soldiers, are being shipped back to the Soviet Paradise for "ordinary labor duties." Result — hundreds of them are fleeing to the British and American zones for protection as "political refugees."

Russia is stiffening penalties for theft and robbery to which a Scripps Howard writer quips: "Apparently Uncle Joe resents his loyal subjects following his own international line too closely."

NO COORDINATION. BARNARD RUBIN, DAILY WORKER Broadway columnist, whom General MacARTHUR bounced off the Tokyo edition of STARS & STRIPES for party-lining Army news, recently reported with enthusiasm that Madame NOVIKOV, wife of the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, had won a rhumba contest at a ritzy Miami Beach Hotel. RUBIN evidently does not read IZVESTIA because that official organ of the Soviet government reported that "all tangos, foxtrots, and blues dances had been banned in Vladivostok" by the authorities. HITLER likewise banned these "degenerate American dances" from the Third Reich.

BAD HEART — STOUT HIKER. Seven years ago the U.S. indicted one WELWEL WARZAVA, using alias of WILLIAM WEINER for passport fraud, convicted WELWEL and sentenced him to prison. A tender hearted judge commuted the sentence to probation because of a "serious heart condition which gave him only a few years of life." WARZAVA, alias WEINER, was the Treasurer of the Communist Party, USA, and also president of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER the insurance and fraternal division of the C.P. Enterprising House Un-American Activities Committee photographers snapped pictures of WELWEL starting out at 58th St. and 8th Ave. on the May Day Parade of the C.P. The movies show WELWEL finishing strong at Union

Square, a good stiff three mile hike.

CAFE SOCIETY, NEW YORK. The C.P. has its irons in many fires; not a few of them profitable business ventures. CAFE SOCIETY is owned and operated by a brother of LEON JOSEPHSON, leading Communist under indictment for contempt.

VICISSITUDES OF A PARTY-LINER. RICHARD O. BOYER, pro-Communist writer who makes his living writing for the ultra-sophisticated NEW YORKER, recently did a highly laudatory series of articles for that magazine on JOSEPH CURRAN, President of the N.M.U. He then decided to do a book eulogizing the heroic seamen of that C.I.O. and Communist-ridden union. The book, THE DARK SHIP, came out recently leaving the Commies and fellow-traveller BOYER in a bad jam. BOYER had lavished sixty-eight pages of loving gush on the great labor leader JOE CURRAN but during the long delay between writing and printing CURRAN had broken with the commies and was now an "enemy of the working class". BOYER is also an associate editor of the Communist NEW MASSES which normally would have plugged and boosted his book throughout the length and breadth of the Communist literary field assuring him of nice royalties and at least a satisfactory sale. All C.P. publicity outlets are curiously silent about the DARK SHIP which wags opine will be speedily "Spurlos Versenkt" (sunk without a trace) as U-boat commanders boasted in World War I.

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FORGOTTEN FACTS FROM HISTORY

Doughs who slugged it out for two and half years from the Moroccan Beachheads to Northern Italy and from Omaha Beach to Berlin just weren't there at all. And our dead resting in eighty European cemeteries must have gotten killed playing beachball or shadow boxing with themselves. The following is a bit of history as she is taught in Russia. G. F. ALEXANDROV, M. R. GALAKTIONOV

(he is a general!) and four other collaborators have recently completed a "SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH STALIN," under auspices of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute. This remarkable history should be translated into English so that all Legionnaires and Americans can learn the real truth about the war in Europe. On page 214, for example, we learn that the peerless military leadership of JOSEF VISSARIONOVITCH liberated Poland and Czechoslovakia. Under the hammer blows of the Soviet forces, Hitler's allies -- Rumania, Finland, and Bulgaria -- surrendered and turned their arms against Germany. Before that Italy too had deserted Hitler. The Hitler coalition had fallen to pieces. Germany was almost completely isolated. (No mention thus far of Great Britain or United States forces having anything whatever to do with Italy's "desertion".) We then learn:

"The resulting military situation meant that the Soviet Union was in a position with its own forces and without the assistance of its allies to occupy the whole of Germany and to liberate France. It was this circumstance that prompted the former British Prime Minister Winston CHURCHILL, who until then had resisted the opening of a second front in Europe, to undertake the invasion of Western Europe. In June 1944 the Allies successfully effected large scale landings in North France. Breaking down the enemy's stubborn resistance the Soviet armies stormed and captured Berlin and planted the flag of victory in the German capital. The war in Europe had ended." Note the careful omission of even the mere words "United States". To repeat a famous Army slogan, "You guys just weren't there at all!"

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NEWSWEEK -- June 2 and 9th, two excellent articles on combatting Communism.

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THE SPOTLIGHTINTERNATIONAL WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE

Do you want to spend an "exciting and constructive" summer vacation abroad? Would you like to work on heavy construction and at the same time "promote international cooperation and friendship among the youth of the world"? Would you like to build roads and miners' homes in Poland, a youth railroad in Czechoslovakia, a hydro-electric dam in Bulgaria, or a nice railroad in Albania? Just send your name and address to ~~DORIS SENK~~, AMERICAN YOUTH FOR A FREE WORLD, 144 Bleeker St., New York. The ~~AYFW~~ is the American branch of the ~~WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH~~, the Comintern's youth movement. The INTERNATIONAL WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE this year is being held in Warsaw, August 1 to 10. "Greedy imperialists are carrying out a policy of exploitation and oppression of small nations". Foul war-mongers are plotting to plunge the youth of the world into World War III. These dastards can be confounded and exposed by making a "Youth Peace Tour" to Communist-dominated Poland this summer and working on a heavy construction job somewhere behind the Iron Curtain. The WFDY will run special trains from Paris to the East European countries where various labor projects await the suckers.

The average work week on the brigades is 36 hours for two or three weeks to be followed by a "week of extensive travel" with vast opportunities for cultural activities including formal lectures, folk dancing, song festivals, exhibits, etc.". There is no guarantee, however, against voluntary labor brigades being mixed up with a forced labor draft and spending a "week of extensive travel" in a cattle car bound for one of Stalin's slave camps in Siberia where "cultural activities" are nothing to write home about. The letter of invitation to Warsaw adds: "The brigades are purely voluntary, and therefore, no compensation is given in return in the form of pay. All travel expenses up to the frontier of the country and after crossing the frontier homeward bound must be covered by the individual. But travel and sojourn expenses, as well as living and lodging costs while on the brigades, will be met by the host organization." On to Warsaw!

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

This C.P. front names as subversive by the United States Attorney General, as well as having been the subject of a documentary study by the House Un-American Activities Committee, will probably soon change its name. The DAILY WORKER in a recent inconspicuous item advised that a special conference had been called for July 19 to consider "merging the CRC with other organizations dedicated to fight for America's civil liberties". This is merely Commy double talk admitting that their front is so thoroughly exposed that a major face lifting and change of name is necessary. CRC was the result of a 1946 merger of the NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES and the notorious INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE founded in 1925. Both were legal defense arms of the C.P. USA.

NATIONAL YOUTH FOR WALLACE

The DAILY WORKER announced recently that a new NATIONAL YOUTH FOR WALLACE group would be formed at the founding convention of Wallace's third party in Philadelphia, July 25. The call, signed by SEYMOUR LINFIELD, went out to 100,000 young people in the forty-eight states. Careless mailing procedures caused invitations to be sent to various anti-Communist liberal and radical organizations including STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, a youth affiliate of the AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION. It replied: "Your organization can serve only as a sounding board and implement for Communist Party policy within the United States until it is abandoned by the disillusioned liberals who gave it strength." The SDA letter went on to charge that "Anyone familiar with the history of the youth movement can trace your origins and sponsorship to the AMERICAN STUDENT UNION and AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS". Sponsors of the YOUTH FOR WALLACE convention include the following well known pro-Communists: JAMES DUKKIN, President of the UNITED OFFICE WORKERS, CIO; REV. JOHN W. DARR, JR.; JUDY HOLLIDAY, Actress; RAY LEV, Pianist; PAUL ROBESON, JR.; and KENNETH SHERBELL, ALP State Senator from New York.

~~VOICE OF FREEDOM~~

This little advertised Commy front is now over a year old and claims that it already has 1,600 voluntary radio monitors in twenty-five states. Chairman ~~DOROTHY PARKER~~ hopes to have 5,000 radio spotters by the end of this year. VOF monitors listen to all radio programs for material unfavorable to the Communists, then phone the offending stations or write and induce organizations to write letters of protest claiming that labor, civil liberties, or minority rights have been attacked. ~~VOF~~ monitors also flood the mails with phony commendations for Party Line commentators and others appearing on the air whom the Communist Party wants to build up and support. The VOF was particularly active in quickly mobilizing highly vocal opposition to the Mundt-Nixon Bill which failed of passage in the Senate. Legionnaires might well consider the desirability of offsetting VOF's pernicious activity by setting up local community radio committees, which support and sustain pro-American commentators and programs and which conversely will promptly protest un-American speakers and programs by phone direct to the station.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

By far the most important and significant development on the C.P. front in the past several years was last month's Cominform statement attacking Tito and the Yugoslav C.P. The future history of the world will, in all probability, be changed profoundly by this sensational break in the iron ring of Soviet satellites. It naturally gave rise to the wildest speculations and guesses by both experts and pseudo experts including radio commentators and news columnists. Even the DAILY WORKER, which has an answer ready for everything, was "deeply shocked and pained". It took the WORKER several days to analyze the situation and to prepare lengthy explanations of just what was what. Careful analysis of the Cominform communique of indictment as published in the Czechoslovakian Communist paper ~~RUDE PRAVO~~, shows the following salient and significant features.

Trouble must have been brewing between Tito and Stalin for some time. That Tito's secret police and Communist army officials shadowed and otherwise kept under strict secret surveillance Soviet military and civilian personnel in Yugoslavia. That Tito quite evidently had balked at carrying out certain Russian directives of an as yet undisclosed nature but probably involving Trieste, the Italian and Greek situations, or the question of a Balkan Federation. That the Yugoslav Communists, despite their absolute power over the country, had been totally unable or unwilling even to attempt to solve the agrarian question. It must be recalled that Stalin in 1929 ordered the forced collectivization of Russian agriculture, which during the following three years cost the lives by starvation of four to five million Russian peasants in addition to those deported by the hundreds of thousands to Siberia to perish miserably of cold, starvation, and disease. Tito quite evidently was unable or unwilling to attempt any Stalinist "liquidation of the kulaks as a class" in his own country. The Yugoslav peasants have tilled and owned their own little farm patches for centuries, even under the Turks and would probably die fighting to a man against any forced Bolshevik "collectivization". Yugoslavia is still predominantly agrarian. There are less than 200,000 industrial workers in a country of 15 millions. Tito may have enslaved the urban populations under OZNA (secret police) terror -- he evidently got nowhere with the peasants. This to the Russians was naturally "retreating from positions of the working class and parting from the Marxist theory of the class struggle". The Cominform indictment is quite specific and unequivocal in its condemnation of Tito's tolerance of private land ownership. Tito evidently still leans too heavily on the National Front of allied and sympathetic but non-Communist elements. Stalin insists on a monolithic, all powerful, one party (Communist) dictatorship. Three years should have been plenty of time to wipe out and liquidate not only all oppositionists but all allies as well, the Cominform implies.

The Yugoslav C. P. is alleged to lack "intra-party democracy" -- and to

suffer from a "shameful, purely Turkish terroristic regime". This is typical Communist double talk meaning that Tito has ruthlessly eliminated all pro-Soviet elements "by cruel reprisals" and built himself a nice little air-tight monolithic party of his own, 100% under his control. Tito's boast that the "exploitation of man by man" would soon be ended in his country and that the last lingering remnants of capitalistic enterprise would soon be extirpated, is coldly dismissed by the Cominform as "an adventurous non-Marxist act doomed to failure and a vast demagogical declaration". The communique then charges Tito with fraud saying, "these Left-wing decrees and declarations of the Yugoslav leadership are calculated to mask their refusal to confess their faults and to confess their faults and to correct them honestly." The old Stalin-Vishinsky mania for extracting "confessions" of guilt from their victims characteristic of the bloody purge trials of 1936-38 still seems to operate in the Russian mentality. Even the boast that capitalism will soon be destroyed in Yugoslavia is not as important as a confession of heresy against Stalinism. It is unlikely that Stalin will get any voluntary confessions from such seasoned scoundrels and veteran Communists as Tito, Djilas, Rankovic, Kardelj — they know the torture-confession racket too well themselves; and they are not likely to allow themselves to fall into Stalin's hands.

Many cautious and logically suspicious Americans naturally raise the question, "Is this split on the level, or is it a phony, treacherous maneuver designed to plant Tito and his murderers or American fliers on our side for a juicy slice of Marshall Plan aid?" Two sentences in the Cominform indictment seem to rule this out. The Yugoslavian Communists are twice charged in the indictment with "Trotzkyism". The accusation of Trotzkyism is a Communist form of curse and tantamount to a virtual excommunication and covert sentence of political death. Trotzkyite "mad-dogs" are to be exterminated as the first order of business even as Trotzky himself was assassinated in 1940 in Mexico by one of Stalin's hatchetmen. The charge of Trotzkyism is entirely without grounds. As a matter of fact, Tito was for years one of Stalin's chief liquidators of Trotzkyites and undoubtedly

ordered or directly participated in the murders or betrayals to the police of many of Trotsky's followers.

It is not generally known that Tito as Josip Broz was a police spy and stool pigeon in Yugoslavia in 1927-28 and "fingered" many of his own party pals to long prison terms or exile. The American Trotskyite press, as well as Trotskyites all over the world, immediately rejected and denounced Tito as not one of them after the Cominform bombshell. The hope that Tito will now become a reformed and contrite friend of the western democracies is also far-fetched and unrealistic. The relentless persecution of priests and democratic elements and murder of General Mihailovich and countless thousands of other innocent people, including peaceful American Army fliers, is hardly the sort of character we would welcome as an ally. Plus the fact that such a seasoned Comintern agent and life long Communist terrorist could never be fully trusted to come clean. When thieves fall out, honest men come into their own, but it does not follow that one of the thieves becomes an honest man. Even now, Tito's police are arresting the trying "Vatican spies" and persecuting priests for "political activity".

To summarize this most important development, there is no doubt that Stalin has suffered a major reverse, which may profoundly affect Russian foreign policy and Communist aggression in Europe for years to come. It must not be forgotten that Stalin has suffered no similar setback in over twenty years or since Chiang Kai Shek double-crossed him at Hankow in 1927. Nor has the monolithic world Communist Party suffered any mutiny or even incipient rebellion since the abortive Lovestone-Gitlow uprising of 1929, which Stalin liquidated overnight by a cable to America deposing the 90% majority and replacing the leadership with Foster and Browder, who held mandates for less than 10% of the C.P. USA. Twenty years of unbroken success was almost mathematically bound to produce a minor or major setback in time. The amazing thing about the Tito mutiny is that it was so beautifully covered up despite the thousand-eyed vigilance of the NKVD and iron discipline of Communism, which makes even brothers squeal on brothers and life long friends spy and report on each other.

Only two top-ranking Commies remained true to Stalin and were quickly liquidated. That such a conspiracy involving an entire party and a country of fifteen million would be successfully carried out against the greatest and most all pervasive conspiracy on earth, world Communism, is almost incredible.

The funny thing is that there is so little that Stalin can do about it. Armed force is naturally out. Economic sanctions by a country itself in desperate economic straits is equally ruled out. Yugoslavia is economically tied to the west, not to Russia. The normal NKVD correctives and punishments available in other countries are impossible in a land where the renegade controls his own C.P. lock, stock and barrel and has his own ubiquitous secret police totalling close to 60,000. Pressure of every sort by surrounding Communist countries, particularly Rumania, Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia, is about all that is left to the Kremlin in the way of corrective punishment. Rebuilding or recapturing the C.P. of Yugoslavia from such adroit pastmasters of conspiracy seems a hopeless Herculean task which with the best of luck would take years of patient inch by inch work.

MOISHE ~~PIJADE~~ ^{PIJADE}, veteran Comintern official and seasoned Stalinist who surprisingly enough elected to side with Tito, bluntly warned the Kremlin that it was vain hope to expect any rank and file Yugoslav Communist revolt against Tito and the Party leadership. He cheekily demanded that the Cominform (i.e., Stalin via his mouthpiece Zhdanov) retract its "unprincipled slanders" against the Yugoslav C.P. That probably was the last straw for Uncle Joe! The next sixty or ninety days will undoubtedly show just what the frustrated and enraged Muscovites propose to do about mutiny in their own ranks.

As was to be expected, not a single Communist Party came to the support of the Yugoslav Party. Even the far away Chinese Communists, whom many American "liberals" would have us believe "are not really Communists at all but merely agrarian reformers", soundly denounced Tito and his cohorts. The American Commies, who staunchly deny any organic connection either with the Soviet Union, the Communist Party of Russia or any world Comintern, repudiated and denounced the Yugoslav

comrades. This is an extremely important and incriminating point. American Communists insist in court that they are absolutely free agents and independent of any international ties, yet when one of their "Free and independent" parties has the temerity of breaking free, the "free and independent" American Communists support the identical positions of the Chinese, Czechoslovakian, French, Cuban, and Icelandic parties in upholding the Cominform and the All Union Communist Party of Russia. Only the insignificant Trieste CP is reported as being split over the Tito question with the Italian Communists upholding the Cominform and Yugoslav comrades adhering to Tito.

Meanwhile a harried and worried world breathes a little easier for a time. World Communist leadership and discipline which heretofore has been 100% invincible, inflexible, and inexorable has finally shown a bad crack in its iron ranks. The infallible, omniscient, and ever-victorious Stalin and his Politburo erred disastrously on their evaluation and selection of Jozip Broz, alias Tito as satrap for the Balkan marches. Stalin's whole diplomatic victory in excluding the Allies from invading the Balkans, his rapid Bolshovization of that strategic area and his creeping advance to Bosphorus have been nullified by this single act of treachery and mutiny.

The Yugoslav defection may well mark the high water mark of Soviet expansionism, at least in Europe. Tito's example may encourage similar "dangerous thoughts" in other restive Communist satraps. THOREZ in France is reported as weakening and slipping because of the impossible role the French C.P. is expected to carry out. The Swedish, Finnish, and Netherlands elections held recently all showed significant losses for the Communists. While Communism will remain a serious threat to the security of France and Italy for some time to come, it is quite evident that the E.R.P. is stemming the red tide and even pushing it back a bit. Experts on Soviet policy predict that the next five to six weeks will be critical for world peace with Russia forced to make her major decision on her next move while America is temporarily distracted by a presidential and Congressional election. The

internal situation in Russia is suspected of being very bad and perhaps deteriorating. It should always be borne in mind that resort to war is a common expedient of totalitarian systems when faced with critical and insoluble domestic difficulties.

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WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

Main accent in the Communist press during the past month has been on Wallace's campaign, the racial question and allegations of "anti-negro terror", high cost of living, housing with particular emphasis on evicted and homeless ex-servicemen, the Mundt-Nixon Bill, and charges of "policy brutality" in various American cities. Trotzkyites are charged with wholesale "wrecking" in the Northwest which is simply Communist double talk for mass expulsions of dissident Commies. The columns of the DAILY WORKER have been full also with almost daily complaints that "Curran caucus goons aided by brutal Texan police" are unmercifully "dumping", (i.e., beating up) poor harmless "progressive seamen" (i.e., Commies) in southern ports. Curran's strong arm boys are denounced as "Fascist swine". An extraordinary amount of space is devoted to reporting matters of interest to Negroes in the apparent hope of winning colored recruits to Stalin's Fifth Column.

The DAILY WORKER does not like the House Un-American Activities Committee's most recent pamphlet "100 Things You Should Know About Communism". It is also very unhappy about mysterious "Project X" apparently referring to American subsidies or aid to European anti-Communists. The D.W. also has been running sections of the Draft Resolution of the CP for its coming convention for suitable "discussion" by the comrades. Some significant self-criticisms are made. "Deviations of a right opportunist character" are admitted as well as "left tendencies and mistakes". "Right opportunist deviation cunningly masked under left-wing phrasology" was once a Moscow indictment made against a leading American Communist twenty years ago. Same old trouble still seems to be haunting the CP USA ----- and the Stalinists humorlessly still employ the same old stilted clichés and "Bolshevik" terminology.

The DAILY WORKER very much likes Bert Andrews' new book "WASHINGTON WITCH HUNT" which derides the whole loyalty program and which challenges the procedure and evidence used in ousting ten poor security risks from the State Department a year ago. Andrews is Chief of the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE's Washington Bureau and a Pulitzer prize winner.

The WORKER also gloats over the Army's dilemma on what to do with Communist draftees. If the Army rejects Communists, it is feared that many young draftees may join the C.P. merely to avoid military service. So the D.W. charges that the Army plans to accept young Communists but will carefully segregate them in special units at isolated posts and camps and to confine them to useless and menial tasks.

IN FACT continues its diversionary role of attacking mythical, sinister "bit business" plots to foment another war and dominate the world. It lays heavy stress on exposing alleged enormous profits of large corporations and other attempts to impugn the honesty and patriotism of business and industry. "Oil interests" are claimed to be the chief culprits according to this pro-Conmy scandal sheet. Its secondary theme continues to be that the press of the United States is "controlled", biased, and hence "prostitute". Only IN FACT ferrets out and dares tell the truth.

Attempted assassination of Togliatti (Ercoli) by an assassin devoid of any known political connections was naturally seized upon by the CP-ers here with glee. The finger that pulled the trigger was really not that of Pallante at all but actually the Vatican and the American Marshall Plan for the enslavement of Italy. Olive Sutton, DW scribbler, devotes a column of calumny to "prove" that the Vatican and State Department are really the culprits guilty of the attack on Togliatti. Then step by step even those Americans who wrote letters to Italian relatives urging them to vote against Communists are linked to Togliatti's assassin by his Conmy hate monger.

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COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Militant anti-Communist in the labor movement, particularly in Communist-infested C.I.O. unions, have continued their drive against the Stalinists with far more successes than reverses. The UNITED HATTERS, generally considered leftish but anti-Communist, and the more conservative UNITED STEELWORKERS of Phil Murray, both passed convention mandates barring Communists from office in their unions. The Hatters went out of their way to denounce Henry Wallace as "a creature of the Communist Movement" and committed their union to exert every effort to his defeat. An international vice president, Alex Rose, called Wallace "an American Lord Haw Haw who is giving aid and comfort to the Soviet dictatorship". The Hatters' convention also attacked Russia for having set up the greatest human slavery system ever known to mankind.

As the internal CIO fight against the Stalinists sharpens some curious defections and mass desertions are occurring. A group of anti-Communist social workers and office girls employed by the Y.W.C.A. National Board bolted their Communist-controlled SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION and joined the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO. The shipyard workers, militantly anti-Communist, also set up a separate division in order to welcome some ten thousand right-wingers in the UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS mostly employed in United States Government bureaus in Washington who are threatened to bolt because of their Union's Communist-line opposition to the Marshall Plan and continued hostility to United States foreign policy. MIKE QUILL's TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION also offered to shelter any of the UPW's New York municipal employees who might prefer to switch unions. QUILL's Union already has enrolled some 1,000 custodial employees of Columbia University and Barnard College.

The National Board of the Y.W.C.A. in New York was picketed recently by Communist-controlled Local 19 of the ~~SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION~~, CIO because it had hesitated to renew a contract with the SSEU on the grounds that it was caught in the middle between its Communist employees and the right wingers and was not sure which faction represented a majority. Some 20,000 or more insurance

agents organized in the C.P. controlled UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS UNION are on their way out with the anti-Communist UNITED PAPER WORKERS CIO preparing a special division to receive them. National leaders of the UOPWA reacted with typical Communist colority in suspending six locals and tying up their funds through legal action on the grounds that "labor-splitters and reactionaries" were conspiring to secede and split the Union. ~~The UNITED PAPER WORKERS!~~ Constitution bars Communics from appointive or elective office both on a national and local level. The suspended insurance locals are at Lynn, Mass.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, Stamford, and Lynn, Connecticut. Total membership of the UOPWA is about 75,000 of which number 30,000 are insurance agents. The UOPWA is about twelve years old. It has refused to sign Taft-Hartley Act non-Communist affidavits.

The CP, USA, lost control over 14,000 farm equipment workers when the ~~UNITED AUTO WORKERS CIO~~ won a majority in an NLRB elective at Peoria, Illinois. The workers formerly were represented by the Communist-dominated FARM EQUIPMENT WORKERS, CIO, whose officers likewise refused to sign the NLRB non-Communist affidavits. The DAILY WORKER and other Party line guttersheets are full of anguished wails over this "unprincipled raiding by brother CIO Unions".

The attempted ousting from their department store jobs of three anti-Communists a few months ago, has had every widening repercussions. Communist officials of Local #3 of the ~~RETAIL WHOLESALE AND DEPARTMENT STORE UNION~~, CIO, tried to force the employer, Bloomingdales, to fire the three clerks for alleged "disruption and slander". The three clerks claimed they had merely opposed financial support of Wallace and had demanded that their officials sign NLRB non-Communist affidavits. The International, which is non-Communist, ordered the Local to reinstate the three antis. Anti-Communists in the New York City labor movement, called a mass meeting at which the three anti-Stalinists spoke. They refused, however, to tell State Labor Department officials anything about their troubles. Governor Dewey thereupon ordered an investigation. Department store executives charged that the ousting of three anti-Communists from their jobs was nothing new

or startling and that Communist terrorism had been rife in New York department stores for years. Several store executives were subpoenaed by the House Labor Sub-Committee to come to Washington and testify as to Communist activities in the New York retail trade. A former FBI agent and present publisher of the anti-CP newsletter COUNTERATTACK testified that he knew of at least 517 Communists in the URWDSEA.

The Sub-Committee then moved its hearings to New York where the fun began. One witness swore that an official of her Local has pointed to a red Soviet hammer and sickle flag in the Union's office and said that she "took orders only from that flag". Invoking the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution, ten URWDSEA officials refused to answer the \$64.00 question whether or not they were Communists and were threatened with contempt citations by the Congressional Sub-Committee. International officers Jack Altman and Sam Volchok swore they were not Communists. 500 massed pickets outside marched in front of the Federal Building chanting A-L-T-M-A-N spolls RAT.

The hearings which lasted three days were stormy and colorful. Several unwilling witnesses who refused to testify were forcibly ejected, one of them screaming "We are going to run people like you out of Congress!" Another yelled "Frame-up" and "railroading" when given the bums' rush. Mr. Osman, President of Communist-controlled Local #65, was likewise escorted to the door when he refused to answer the fatal question. Mr. Osman was quite dramatic. He was sure that "No matter what you do to me, a hundred new Osmans will spring up to take my place". Russian revolutionaries hurried off to Siberia by Czarist Police were very fond of such oratory. Nor did Mr. Osman have a very high regard for Congress. He blamed his contempt citation on the "corrupt, degenerate mentality of men who have made the House of Representatives a house of ill repute".

Next act was the mass picketing of Gimbels Department Store by solid masses of pickets from the Greater New York CIO Council, still Communist-dominated. URWDSEA International officers complained to the National CIO that there was no

strike or labor trouble with Gimbel's and that the picketing was purely political spite and hence a breach of contract. The National CIO ordered SAUL MILLS, Secretary of the New York CIO Council, to cancel the picketing. This was refused. URWDSEA also had ordered its locals not to violate union orders and engage in wildcat mass picketing. Left-wing officers responsible for Gimbel's show will now be brought up on trial and Phil Murray of the CIO, undoubtedly will act against the Greater New York CIO Council. Right wing unions have been steadily withdrawing from the Council. Joseph Curran of the NMU announced that speedy action would be taken to withdraw 20,000 New York District members of his Union from the Communist-controlled Greater New York CIO COUNCIL. Some 40,000 Transport Workers Union members had previously seceded.

The DAILY WORKER for July 19 mournfully conceded defeat in the ~~National Maritime Union New York District~~ election just tallied. All Communist candidates were badly defeated. Joe Curran defeated Blackie Myers, the C.P.'s darling, 11,575 to 4,813. FERDINAND SMITH, West Indian alien Communist, illegally in this country and presently under a deportation warrant, lost his office of Secretary 6,157 to 9,473 for his successful opponent. The New York District comprises about 40% of the total membership of the NMU and was the stronghold of Communist influence in the Union. The other out port Districts are now being tallied and the final results there will show even greater majorities against the Communists who threw in the sponge as soon as the New York District votes were counted. Thus ends twelve years of unbroken terroristic Communist control over one of America's most strategic and important Unions. The Stalinists moaned that the FBI had aided Curran and his faction and that "Furious red-baiting on the part of the Curran caucus which employed thuggery and received Police cooperation in many cities to 'dump' progressives" was responsible for their stunning defeat in the one Union their secret party councils regarded as the most important for them to control.

~~THE~~ AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD Convention in San Francisco voted unanimously to advise all locals to protect the job rights of members who admit they are

Communists and who have been discharged by their employers as a result. The question arose out of a Washington, D. C. case when a Communist reporter there had been fired by his paper, the EVENING STAR. His local had refused to fight the matter through NLRB procedures. The ANG is anti-Communist nationally but Stalinists are influential in many locals, notably New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

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THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Missouri was the only Department to hold a counter-subversive seminar during the past month. Department Americanism Chairman John Grotewill opened the session held in the Soldiers Memorial, St. Louis, at 10:30 a.m., June 20. Department Commander Ray Roberts delivered the address of welcome which included some pointed barbs at the rather small attendance. Neal Capaldo, Past Department Americanism Chairman, spoke on the history and tactics of the Communist Party. Willard Max, a former FBI Special Agent, gave a well-prepared talk on Communism in the Labor Movement. After the lunch recess, Karl Baarslag of the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, gave the assembled Legionnaires a well-rounded out picture of the present problem posed by World Communism with some 18,000,000 fanatical and highly disciplined followers. He also painted in the little known Asiatic background and origin of Leninist Bolshevism. Baarslag was followed by Sergeant Joseph Gallagher, Chief Lecturer of the St. Louis Police Department, on the local St. Louis situation as well as Communist strategy and methods of operation. Harry Schaffer, National Field Representative, covered the more practical angle as to just what Legionnaires can do at local community and Post level to combat subversion. Charley Staphos, Past Commander of the Roosevelt Post, gave his listeners an eye witness report of what he saw in Greece and what Communists had done to that country.

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As a result of convention action at Chicago, the Catholic War Veterans are planning to set up a national seminar on subversive activities similar to that con-

ducted by The American Legion at Washington last November. Two specially selected candidates will be sent from each Department to attend the seminar and receive a full course of instruction on the exposure and combating of subversive activities.

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ELKS BAR COMMIES. Two revisions were made in the by-laws of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their last convention to effectuate barring of Communists from that order. Persons who are directly or indirectly members of the Communist Party or who directly or indirectly participate in Communist activities are to be expelled from the elks.

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The American Federation of Labor has filed a formal demand with the United Nations to investigate slave labor conditions within the Iron Curtain countries. The memorandum charged that trades unionists had been jailed, deported and killed and that many had been literally worked to death in Poland and Jugoslavia. The memorandum asks that the United Nations order the International Labor Office to conduct the inquiry. The A.F.L. also proposed a world federation of all anti-Communist Unions. The Inter-American Confederation of Labor (CIT) set up six months ago, is already anti-Communist and opposed to the World Federation of Trades Unions to which the CIO adheres but not the AFL. The founding of a new anti-Communist Asian Federation of Labor was announced only last week.

AMERICANS FAVOR REGISTRATION OF COMMIES. A recent Gallup Poll shows that an overwhelming majority of our citizens favor registration by law of all Communists with the Department of Justice. Of those questioned 77% were in favor of such registration, 12% were opposed and 11% had no opinion. 67% thought that Federal government jobs should be denied to Communists, while only 19% thought they should be permitted to work for Uncle Sam.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE -- QUIPS AND BITS

That the "correct C.P." line is an exceedingly fine and treacherous high wire to follow is illustrated by Tito's fall from grace. This reminded the well known liberal authority on Soviet Russia, William Henry Chamberlain, of an old gag he heard in Moscow years ago. With no GPU agents around, Russians whispered to trusted friends: "Left deviationism was to rob the peasants of their last bit of food for the benefit of starving workers in the cities. Right deviationism was to rob the miserable city workers for the benefit of the starving peasants. To rob both the workers and the peasants for the benefit of the already well-fed Communist bureaucracy -- that is the correct party line".

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Two Russian Communists were caught having three wives each. Bigamy, previously was not seriously regarded in the Soviet Union. Now PRAVDA finds that such depravity is "vulgar, cold-blooded, calculating, petty and bourgeois".

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Was he pushed or did he fall? The DAILY WORKER which made light of the curious death of Jan Masaryk of Czecho-slovakia who jumped or was thrown to his death had a similar mystery right on its own doorsteps last month. Harry A. Sholachman, charter member of the C.P. USA, was found dead in the street in front of the American Kronlin as the result of a nine story plunge from the roof. The D. W. had no comment.

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Bargains noticed at the Workers Bookshop in New York recently:

Martin Dies, by Gellerman (who also wrote a smear history of the Legion) 19¢.

Secret of Soviet Strength, Dean of Canterbury 9¢.

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FASCISTS, HATE GROUPS, CRACKPOTS, ETC.

Gerald L. K. Smith's CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS will hold their convention, called a "crusade" at St. Louis, August 20 and 21. Officials delegate credentials have gone out to all subscribers of Smith's CROSS AND FLAG. It bears Smith's likeness and a picture of the convention site, Kiel Auditorium. Fine print on the bottom warns:

"On the theory that this certificate might fall into the hands of an enemy, the Credentials Committee reserves the right to confirm this qualification when presented at the registration desk by stamping on the words 'Final Approval!'"

It also bears a small gold seal which must be stamped with the official insignia. The House Un-American Activities Committee has slated Smith's outfit for investigation this fall.

ROBERT H. BEST SENTENCED. A fifty-two year old South Carolinian who broadcast almost throughout the war for the Nazis was found guilty of treason in Federal Court and sentenced to life imprisonment. The government had demanded the death penalty for treason in time of war. Best expressed no contrition and stated he would do it all over again under similar circumstances.

KU KLUX KLAN SPLITS. A small faction of what Grand Dragon Green of the K.K.K. termed "disgruntled Bolsheviks" have seceded and obtained a separate charter from the state of Georgia to go into the nightshirt business. News reports did not give the membership strength of the bolters.

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WHAT YOUR POST CAN DO TO COMBAT SUBVERSION

1. Have your Post pass a resolution urging early enactment of appropriate legislation such as the Mundt-Nixon Bill by the Senate which failed to act after the House passed the Bill. Send copies to your two Senators and Congressman as well as a copy to the House Un-American Activities Committee. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND VERY URGENT. Communists and their allies and dupes flooded the Senate Judiciary Committee with over 20,000 telegrams denouncing the Mundt Bill. Less than 3,000 telegrams were received supporting the measure. Senate lack of interest and

inactivity can be partly explained by such public lethargy and indifference to a Bill which is just as important as any other defense measure.

2. Send to the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, for the Division's Recommended Reading List of books, periodicals, and pamphlets. It's free. Give your Post Americanism Officer an annual appropriation of at least \$25.00 with which to purchase a small "red" library and to subscribe to certain important publications for the use of your Post. Circulate these books and periodicals among your more important citizens who are in a position to influence public opinion as evidence that your Post is on the job as far as Americanism and public service is concerned. The American public today wants factual, objective information on the Fifth Column in this country, not Fourth of July oratory of 1920 denunciations of Bolshevism. It has a right to look to the Legion for such information and guidance; particularly on front organizations and doubtful individuals operating under various disguises.

The Americanism Division strongly recommends the following books for Post libraries or private purchase. Insist that your local libraries have them available. (Pinko librarians are great on stocking all manner of pro-Soviet, pro-Communist tripe and then having "no funds available" for or regarding as "unimportant" books on the black lists of the Connies)

TELL THE WEST	Jorzy Gliksman	Gresham Press	\$3.75
THE IRON CURTAIN	Gouzenko	Duttons	3.00
LENIN	David Shub	Doubleday	5.00
COMMUNISM & THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WEST	Sheen	Bobbs-Merrill	2.50
LOST ILLUSION	Freda Utley	Fireside Press	3.00
LAST CHANCE IN CHINA	Freda Utley	Bobbs-Merrill	3.50
I CHOSE FREEDOM	Kravchenko	Scribners	1.40
AMERICAN COMMUNISM	Oneal & Verner	Dutton	5.00
BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST	Human Events	Chicago	3.00

3. Send one dollar to the CATHOLIC INFORMATION SOCIETY, 214 West 31st Street, New York, for an excellent little set of 26 pamphlets covering all aspects of the Communist problem. Circulate this set to members of your Post.

4. Send one dollar to the NEW LEADER, 7 East 15th Street, New York, for THE CASE AGAINST VERA MICHELES DEAN OF THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, by Julius Epstein. This is a well prepared, documentary study of the curious pro-Soviet line peddled by Mrs. Dean of the Foreign Policy Association throughout educational and other fields under the disguise of strictly neutral and objective analyses of foreign affairs.

5. Write to the House Un-American Activities Committee, Room #226 Old House Offices Building, Washington, D. C., for copies of "ONE HUNDRED THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES". This is a very important government publication and every Post should not only have a copy but should order quantity lots for distribution to members and others. This pamphlet can be obtained in quantity lots direct from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at \$7.50 per hundred.

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NOTICE: Sections COMMUNISM ABROAD, OTHER COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AND FRONTS, and THE FIELD, SPLINTER GROUPS, ETC." were crowded out this month by lack of space. They will be resumed in the next issue.

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SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

State Department officials testifying before a Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration, claim that several hundred suspected Soviet agents entered this country last year under the guiso of United Nations employes or press personnel. Robert C. Alexander, Assistant Chief of the Visa Commission of the State Department, swore that UNRRA was the chief offender with many of these doubtful persons entering here several years ago and remaining long after UNRRA ended its affairs. The International Immunities Act of 1945 covers all U.N. personnel, even those coming

from Russia and Iron Curtain countries. Mr. Alexander said that some of these foreign agents had been specially trained in subversion and terrorism.

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THE SCOREBOARD AGAINST SUBVERSION

Communist spies and Soviet agents arrested or indicted	NONE
Alien Communists deported during past month	NONE
Non-Communist aliens deported (Nazis, etc.)	70
Communists imprisoned upon conviction for crimes	NONE
Communists arrested and indicted for conspiracy	12
Effective legislative curbs passed by Congress	NONE

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SUMMARY OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS

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The effectiveness of this SUMMARY is in direct proportion to the circulation given it in your area.

State Americanism Chairmen or Department Adjutants should file with the Americanism Division at National Headquarters the names of all new Subversive Activities Chairmen of Districts, counties, and city areas whose names should be placed on the mailing list for this SUMMARY.

Americanism Division
National Headquarters

THE SPOTLIGHTCOMMUNISTS PLOT TO SABOTAGE FREEDOM TRAIN

Under date of August 29th the Educational Department of the Communist Party issued a secret directive to "ALL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS" setting forth detailed ways and means of discrediting the purpose of the FREEDOM TRAIN tour and how best to turn this patriotic enterprise to Communist advantage.

Local Communists in every city where the train stops are to organize counter demonstrations exposing the entire project as an insidious "Big Business scheme" and also to conduct tours through the Train under "prominent progressives" to point out the significance of the documents "in relation to the current struggles of the people." The Party also promises to issue a pamphlet and other printed material, giving the Stalinist version of the struggle for human freedom. This material and the DAILY WORKER are to be handed to FREEDOM TRAIN visitors wherever possible. The memo closes with the injunction, "Numerous other methods of using the FREEDOM TRAIN campaign as a means of fighting for the rights of labor and the people, and of exposing the aims of its Big Business backers will undoubtedly be found by you. We would appreciate your letting us know about these methods and ideas so that we can pass them on to other districts."

The American Heritage Foundation, sponsors of the Freedom Train have sent a warning letter with a reproduction of the Communist directive to the mayors of 300 cities where the train is to stop.

CLARKTON -- Latest HOWARD FAST NOVEL

All Legionnaires are alerted to the latest FAST novel entitled CLARKTON. BARNARD RUBIN, Broadway Beat columnist in the DAILY WORKER, bemoans the fact that sales thus far are very disappointing. "The publisher, presupposing a concentrated effort to boycott it, has put out a first edition of only 5,000 -- the smallest first edition of any FAST book in recent years." RUBIN goes on to report that "buyers have gone from bookstore to bookstore even in New York without being able to find a copy." "The biggest wholesale buyers", he claims, "have been refusing to handle the book". This, of course, means that there is "a campaign to prevent America's book-reading public from reading any book about Communists which does not slander them," RUBIN uses bold-faced caps to spread the word of alarm. To which the SUMMARY can only comment "It's about time!" FAST, a major star in the Stalinist literary firmament, was recently convicted of contempt of Congress.

MRS. LEAH MANNING -- MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

A woman member of the British Parliament is touring the United States under the auspices of the VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE. Her speeches and tour are lavishly approved in the DAILY WORKER. Curiously enough the rest of the radical press makes no mention of her or her background. Mrs. Manning's main line of goods seems to be thinly disguised attacks on U. S. foreign policy and hearty endorsements of Titoslovakia, "democratic" Poland, and the poor Greek guerrillas attempting a Communist putsch in their already impoverished and war torn country. The conservative press and radio, without bothering to inquire into Mrs. Manning's background, bona fides, or real purpose in this country are giving her plenty of free publicity. The State Department and Immigration Service have been nodding again.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

The Vishinsky declaration to the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 19th is the most important and significant development on the whole Communist front in many months. Every Legionnaire should not only carefully read the Soviet prosecutor's savage diatribe but file it away for future reference. As a former high-ranking Communist pointed out, this is the official "party line" for all Communists and their ideological camp followers for some time to come. In military parlance Vishinsky's speech might be called the major strategic directive of the cold war against the United States subject only to minor and unimportant tactical revisions as future exigencies and conditions might dictate.

While some newspapers reported that Vishinsky's embittered attack "stunned and shocked" his listeners and that some delegates were "heartsick" it certainly had no such dolorous effect on seasoned and sophisticated anti-Communists. It was all old stuff to them. Vishinsky's vituperative harangue was simply the tiresome old Communist trick of shocking and stunning victims into confusion and embarrassment by the very enormity of false accusations levelled against them. Trades unionists and others with first hand experience with Communists refer to it as the "Stop Thief!" tactic.

Vishinsky's directive actually was a bad tactical error and serious blow to American Communists and their camp followers. Obviously necessitated by Soviet Russia's rapidly deteriorating prestige and United Nations position because of continuous use of the veto it was purely for home consumption and for satellites behind the Iron Curtain. It exposed the Comintern's "line" in this country and puts all pseudo liberals and crypto Communists very much on the spot. Any fourteen year old high school boy can now put the finger on even the cleverest Soviet apologist merely by pointing to that part of the Vishinsky speech from which the phony "liberal" or "progressive" has lifted his apparently original ideas, no matter how well rehashed or paraphrased from the original Russian of Vishinsky. Vishinsky's ill-natured blast therefore in effect pins down and immobilizes American Communists and their camp followers for some time to come.

This is merely another example of a long list of similar incidents which betrayed the Russian Communist leaders' supreme contempt for their American flunkys. It will be recalled that in August 1939 Stalin and Ribbentrop announced their world-shaking friendship pact without bothering to tip off American Communists. The DAILY WORKER was actually stunned into silence for four days, refusing to believe the capitalist news agency reports until it could confirm the incredible news of the pact direct from Moscow. On the other hand, the Browder ousting where it would have been inconvenient to disclose Moscow motivation was quite cleverly handled so as to remove all traces of Soviet inspiration. The classic indictment of Browder for "Menshevik revisionism" and "capitalist collaboration" was quietly planted in an obscure French Communist paper by Jacques Duclos, where alert American Communists spotted it and proceeded to carry out their orders as if these had arisen spontaneously within the American Communist movement.

THE SECONDARY LINE. On September 5, COUNTERATTACK, the country's only weekly newsletter devoted exclusively to exposing Communist trends, predicted that the Communists would very shortly announce a new program designed to ensnare liberal, labor, and middle class elements. Our last issue briefly summarized this seven point program for befuddling the public and for diverting attention away from anti-American activities of the C.P. On September 12 the MICHIGAN HERALD was the first to enunciate the new line. It was followed four days later by the DAILY WORKER setting forth almost word for word the original expose of COUNTERATTACK. On Oct. 4 the CHICAGO STAR

another party line organ came out with its own seven point anti-depression program. It, needless to say, was identical to those previously released in other C.P. line organs. (Evidently the comrades do not read COUNTERATTACK or they would at least have transposed some planks in their new platform and somewhat rephrased their stuff.)

In the unions and union publications where they control editorial policy the C.P. line is one of strident amalgamation of the Taft-Hartley "slave act" and the Marshall Plan as twin and identical evils designed to crush and enslave labor here and abroad. Wall Street, "monopoly capital" has simply gone berserk for world domination. Cartoons, editorials, and slanted news-writing all harp on this central controlling theme. The UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS, the UNITED RUBBER WORKERS, the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION and other recent conventions were blanketed with heavy barrages of this C.P. propaganda line.

All Communist publications, open and disguised, continue hammering away at the House Un-American Activities Committee, demanding its abolition or at least curtailment. The Communist and C.P. inspired press has also gone to town with a distortion of Senator Taft's suggestion that Americans eat less of certain critical foods in order to bring down inflated and rising prices. "Starve 'em" Taft has now undoubtedly become the Communists' No. 1 whipping boy, with President Truman, Defense Secretary Forrestal and John Foster Dulles not far behind. J. Parnell Thomas and J. Edgar Hoover are running only a poor fifth and sixth.

The DAILY WORKER devoted a quarter page to boasting that the New York City General Duffy Post of the Legion still has not dared to expel SYDNEY REITER, self-admitted Communist, and that REITER would fight for his right to stay in the Legion right to the U. S. Supreme Court. The leading C.P. mouthpiece also was made quite unhappy by Jimmie O'Neill's election to National Commander. The DAILY WORKER is quite incensed over the "persecution" of a harmless musician and "anti-fascist refugee" HANS EISLER, brother of GERHARDT EISLER. The government is seeking to deport HANS for illegal entry.

The bulk of Communist space is devoted to the theme that only the Communists are "leading the fight for food and against higher living costs." They are quick to seize on current, vexing issues confronting the majority of the people. Veterans' housing problems and inadequate subsistence allowances for G.I. students are other popular subjects in the C. P. press. This "eat less" slogan has already been dramatized in New York City by pickets dressed as skeletons bearing signs "I ate less -- and less." Heavy and continuous accent on the pressing problems of average income Americans, is, as we have already previously pointed out, a natural diversionary effort calculated to make foreign problems, Soviet expansionism, and the world crisis seem far away and relatively unimportant matters. In other words the Communist line is "Why worry about Greece, China, or Bulgaria when you can't pay increased rents or get enough to eat?"

The DAILY WORKER, which is always complaining about lack of funds and conducting emergency campaigns to "save the voice of freedom" announces that effective October 14 it will expand from twelve to sixteen pages. "We are taking this step despite the record high cost of paper, printing, and distribution. We have decided that as the enemies of democracy increase their insolent attacks on the common people it is time not for retrenchment and retreat but for expansion and a bolder offensive."

FORTUNE magazine recently conducted a poll to determine public opinion with respect to denying government jobs to known or suspected Communists. The poll disclosed "evidence of a profound shift of opinion since the war." Those who considered

Russia a peace-loving nation dropped in two years from 39% to 12%. Sixty-four percent of those polled believe that self-admitted Communists should be barred from public office while thirty-six percent would extend the ban to those suspected of Communist sympathies.

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COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, and CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The much advertised government loyalty check ostensibly set up to weed Communists and secret camp followers out of the federal service has turned up a joker in the deck. Question II requires the listing of all organizations "other than religious or political organizations or those which show religious or political affiliations." Now Communists have always strenuously argued that their party was a "political" organization so no government Communist need fill out this question nor need he list any of a hundred different front organizations. Commies do not have to worry about perjury because without mental evasion they can decide that these too are legitimate "political" organizations. Curiously enough the rather brief and simple form does not anywhere ask the natural question, "Have you ever been or are you now a member of the Communist Party or of any Nazi, fascist, or Falangist organization?" Nor are there any other questions which would tend to elicit this vital information. In other words the entire purpose of the \$25,000,000 loyalty check is defeated -- either by stupidity, carelessness -- or intent. A Congressional inquiry has been promised.

On September 11 Attorney General Clark promised that an initial master list of Communist front organizations would be "ready in a few days," and that it would be made public. The objection had been raised that it would be unfair to dismiss a government employee for belonging to a subversive organization when the government itself had never defined what subversion implied nor had it ever published a list of what it deemed to be front organizations. The list has not been released as of October 7th when this issue went to press.

TITO WHITEWASH MISSION ASSAILED. The Right Rev. William T. Manning, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, issued a statement recently denouncing the so-called "unbiased report" on religious freedom in Yugoslavia by seven pro-Soviet American Protestant clergymen. He followed this up with a letter to the N. Y. TIMES from which the following excerpts are quoted:

"In my letter I urged all who wish to know the facts about Tito and Yugoslavia to read David Martin's book, 'Ally Betrayed: The Uncensored Story of Tito and Mikhailovitch.' In his reply Dr. Melish curiously, but very wisely from his point of view, ignores my references to this important book. I again urge all to read who wish to know the facts about Yugoslavia.

"Dr. Melish's statement that Bishop Nicholai and Bishop Iriney should go back to Yugoslavia and that they would do so if they had sufficient 'courage and patriotism and faith' is insulting to these two great Bishops and will be resented by all who know them, or who know the facts as to their heroic sufferings in the cause of freedom and religion. David Martin's careful record of the mock trial of General Mikhailovitch, and of all that led up to it, explains quite

sufficiently why these two great Christian Bishops, and many of their fellow Serbians, cannot return to Yugoslavia. They were co-workers with Mikhailovitch and, like him, they are not Communists.

"Dr. Melish's plea that he and Dr. Shipler and the group who accompanied them should be listened to because they report 'only that which we have seen with our own eyes' is pathetic in view of the fact that they were in Yugoslavia only two weeks and that they were there as the invited guests of Tito and under his direction.

"The fuller report which Dr. Melish tells us this group is to publish will, of course, be read in the light of the fact that Yugoslavia under Tito is as completely a police state as Nazi Germany was, and as Soviet Russia is, which Tito so fully represents and in some respects outdoes.

"As an indication of the present religious conditions in Yugoslavia, I quote from the dispatch to THE TIMES of your correspondent John MacCormac dated Sept. 6. In that dispatch, as printed, Mr. MacCormac says that in Yugoslavia 'the schools are almost completely subject to Communist influence. Little Yugoslavs, for instance, are taught by much the same methods as the Nazis once used, to consider Marshal Tito as a god and to think of war as the highest good.'

"In the Balkans today Tito is the spearhead of the struggle for Communist world domination. Why do these ministers wish to give him their aid?

WILLIAM T. MANNING"

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COMMUNISTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The NATIONAL MARITIME UNION's sixth biennial convention is now going into its third week. It has taken two weeks to organize the convention and set up five or six working committees. Every delegate -- and there are over 700 -- and every committee member has been the subject of embittered and protracted wrangling between the Curran anti-Communist caucus and the Stalinists and their henchmen. For example, a committee had to fly to Cleveland to check records to determine whether that port was entitled to two or only one delegate. The Convention is costing the C.I.O. seamen \$30,000 per day. Delegates per diem was raised from \$10 to \$15. They punch time clocks and are docked a dollar if they are as much as one minute late for any session.

This very strategic C.I.O. seamen's union, with its threats of tying up shipping and embargoing shipments to Greece, Indonesia, and other countries under Communist ban, has divided into two bitterly irreconcilable camps. Or perhaps more correctly three as a considerable bulk of the membership is neutral or undecided between the two opposing groups of Communists and anti-Communists. The National

Executive Council of six is evenly divided between the wrangling factions but Curran has previously admitted that 107 out of 150 National officers, port delegates, and other employed officers are known C.P. members or close supporters. The Communists in the NMI through HOWARD MACKENZIE have already announced that they favor a third party and they also want the American merchant marine nationalized.

Both sides brought up heavy artillery against their enemies. Rep. VITO MARCANTONIO, darling of the C.P., and PAUL ROBESON, perennial fronter for the Party, addressed the convention urging "unity" and intimating that Curran's "red-baiting" would wreck the union and set back "progressivism." Curran countered by reading a strongly worded letter from Phil Murray urging the convention to support the parent C.I.O.'s stand against Communist interference. Both sides have filed notice of threatened court action alleging fraud or violation of union constitutional rights.

Curran also charged that the NMU's National Secretary, FERDINAND SMITH, colored West Indian non-citizen, was holding office illegally and that as a "result of this flagrant violation more than \$30,000 of the membership's money was spent in special Council meetings and by-elections." The N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM claims that SMITH is in this country illegally and has never been naturalized. He has been identified as a Communist by the C.P.'s former state educational director, also a Negro, TIM HOLMES.

The Convention does not elect any officers, it merely lays down policy for the year to come and revamps or changes the union's working machinery. Elections follow later this Fall. The protracted confab has not been without its dramatic highlights, excitement, and fun. At the end of Curran's 120 page report one delegate shouted "Thank God!" to which Curran beamed "I am happy to see the brothers are returning to religion."

The C.I.O.'s largest C.P. dominated union, the UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS, concluded its convention in Boston last week and laid down what will undoubtedly be the pattern to be followed by other Communist-controlled unions. By a 3,817 to 598 roll call vote it ordered its right wing forces, banded together as the UE MEMBERS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, to disband and cease all further anti-Communist activity under penalty of being expelled from office or from the union. UEMDA leader James Carey, Secretary of the C.I.O., had demanded that a special committee be set up to study charges that UE Communists were enjoying privileges denied to non-Communists.

The UEMDA also asserted that their union long had been a dumping ground for Communists expelled from schools, the government, and other unions. That these Communists, devoid of any electrical or other experience required by the membership, stepped right into nice salaried jobs in the union. This situation, they claimed, had resulted in the UEMDA becoming the largest C.P. dominated union in the country.

The convention condemned the House Un-American Activities Committee and demanded its abolition. Members who testified or cooperated in any way with the Congressional committee were warned that they "were betraying the union" with the intimation that such union displeasure would be implemented with punitive action. On the other hand, CARL ALDO MARZANI, convicted Communist facing a prison term for perjury, was enthusiastically received and given an ovation. He frankly admitted that his "sympathies were with Soviet Russia." The union's official line on foreign policy did not deviate noticeably from that laid down by Vishinsky in his U.N. speech.

The UEMDA anti-Communists announced that they would carry their fight to the C.I.O. convention to meet in Boston a week from now.

Open warfare has broken out in the ~~UNITED~~ AUTO WORKERS with both Communists and anti-Communists scrambling for delegates to the next convention. Walter Reuther quoted C.I.O. Pres. Murray's statement that bickering in the auto union "had sunk to a level of complete moral degeneracy." Reuther also charged that the Communist-dominated Executive Board had squandered a half million dollars of the union's funds in a boondoggling organization drive in Cleveland.

The left-wing majority on the Executive Board struck back quickly with an order denying Reuther the right to publish or disseminate any further printed material to the membership without first having it cleared by his deadly enemy GEORGE F. ~~ADDES~~, pro-Communist Secretary-Treasurer of the C.I.O.'s largest union. The anti-Reutherites also came back with a 36 page "state of the union" report to the membership seeking to amalgamate Reuther with a "big business conspiracy to destroy labor", the iniquitous Taft-Hartley Act, and all the other devils in the Communist handbook on demonology. Thousands of stickers are appearing in UAW plants seeking to smear Reuther as "Speed-up Reuther". The U.A.W. convention scheduled for next month will be another Battle of the Century.

At the A.F.L.'s fall meeting of the Executive Council, William Green announced that Communist domination of six or seven large C.I.O. unions was the chief stumbling block in the path of C.I.O.-A.F.L. merging.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE -- QUIPS AND BITS

The N. Y. NEWS reports that a Communist won \$40,000 in the Irish Sweepstakes. He tore up his C.P. card to prove he was through. Just a "dirty capitalist now" was the newspaper's comment.

Eisler's attorney offered as defense of his client's poor memory in forgetting to list his aliases that no man could reasonably be expected to remember all the various names he had used in twenty-five years. To which a radical commentator quipped, "that would be a lot easier than trying to remember all the names Eisler has been called in his life!"

Speaking of name-calling, the JOHN ~~SANTO~~ deportation hearings at New York hit an all time low in vilification and abuse of witnesses by SANTO's pro-Communist attorney HARRY ~~SACHER~~. A complacent and tolerant government hearing board not only allowed SANTO to pack the hearing room with his ~~TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION~~ supporters and goons (under threat of throwing a picket line around the building if they were barred) but allowed SACHER to browbeat and slander the government's witnesses with all manner of filth. The N.Y. TIMES compiled a brief lexicon of some choice epithets hurled back and forth at what was supposed to be a government deportation hearing of a Communist illegally in this country -- "Judas, rat, bum, police spy, foul-mouth, parasite, stool pigeon, leech, bigamist, white-slaver (against Budenz) and informer." With typical Communist impudence SACHER converted the hearings against SANTO into a virulent attack on the integrity of all government witnesses.

The government's loyalty check has afforded Soviet would-be humorists with a lot of fun. Cartoons depict Uncle Sam or the F.B.I. fingerprinting the Statue of

Liberty and examining her head with a telescope looking for dangerous thoughts. The Legion is pictured as a "war-mongering" organization and Secretary Marshall, Forrestal, Eisenhower, and others as wild redskins whooping up a war dance.

The federal government's loyalty check means good hard cash to a Georgia girl working for the government. She wrote the Treasury "I understand the government is to give loyalty checks to its employees. I worked for the War Dept. two years during the war and I had an excellent efficiency rating. When do I get my check?"

The Socialist CALL reports that the non-Communists in Macy's local of the RETAIL CLERKS UNION, in New York, a C.P. controlled local, heard rumors of a meeting but there had been no official notices nor had anyone received definite word of any meeting. They decided to visit the union that night. "There they found all the commies, busy as little beavers, copying the membership files for use by the AMERICAN LABOR PARTY."

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THE LUNATIC RIGHT --- HATE GROUPS, ANTI-SEMITES, FASCISTS

Edward James ~~SMYTHE~~ is active again with his ~~PROTESTANT WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES, Inc.~~ The latest issue of ~~"Sentinels of Liberty"~~ is a ringing defense of the ~~Kl Klux Klan~~. The ~~PNV~~ is presenting Congress with a bill to compel all Catholic priests and nuns to register with the government as "foreign agents." Mr. Smythe's literary style while somewhat unorthodox and original in spelling and grammar, does not lack for color or invective. He promises his readers "We will give them HATRED and MORE HATRED until they yell GOD Bless America."

Court Asher continues to publish his X-RAY at Muncie (not an advertisement or recommendation!) yielding nothing to ~~SMYTHE~~ for colorful and original English. "Red rat" appears to be his favorite epithet more or less indiscriminately applied to everyone whom Mr. Asher does not like -- and that takes in a lot of people ranging from indubitable Communists to labor leaders, liberals, and New Dealers.

~~CHRISTIAN WAR VETERANS DISBANDED~~. Frederick Kister, formerly associated with G.L.K. ~~Smith~~, has announced that his CHRISTIAN WAR VETERANS has been disbanded as of August 1. His members are asked to carry on and "share their knowledge through the already powerful and effective AMERICAN LEGION and VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS."

The Americanism Division requests all Posts and Departments to be alert and promptly report any information tending to show that the Nazi Bund is being revived in some form or other. Such a revival, if attempted, would undoubtedly be made under a most innocuous appearing title and for perfectly legitimate objectives. Forming committees to further relief to racial kinsmen in Germany is one thing -- reviving the Bund and keeping the dimmed flame of Hitlerism burning underground in this country is something else again.

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COMMUNISM ABROAD

(Crowded out in this issue by lack of time and space. Will be resumed in October 15th issue.)

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FORGOTTEN FACTS FROM HISTORY

Many Americans, including even Legionnaires, are still under the misconception that the Russian masses behind the Iron Curtain can somehow be reached by our side of the story and that once the Russian people understand what America stands for and is trying to achieve in world amity and peace, they will find ways and means of curbing their Communist rulers' lust for world dominance. H. A. L. Fisher, liberal British historian, wrote a history of European civilization shortly before the outbreak of the war. Prof. Fisher summed up in striking language and irrefutable logic the whole cruel phenomenon of the Soviet system. A profound student of European civilization, Prof. Fisher found the Soviet regime unique and without parallel in history. Europe and Asia have been cursed by tyrannies and autocracies of every kind and description since the birth of mankind. The Bolsheviks added something new. This is a remarkable coordination of propaganda, censorship, thought control, and use of absolute terror. Prof. Fisher makes this point:

"Yet there is this novelty in the Soviet system. A living religion is enforced by the massed large-scale propaganda of a scientific age, by machine guns and airplanes, telephone and telegraph, printing press and film, broadcasting and the regimentation of all the arts. A hundred and sixty million human souls are by a gigantic system of governmental pressure hermetically sealed against the invasion of unwelcome truth. All previous experiments in tyranny recorded in human annals pale beside this colossal achievement."

A N. Y. TIMES writer goes on to comment:

"Western Science Wins. The success of the Soviet experiment in hermetically sealing up such a large part of the earth's surface and such a large proportion of the earth's population may be attributed in the first place to our scientific age -- to which, of course, the Russians have contributed something, but which is mostly a creation of the Western World.

"Times have changed since the Chinese built their Great Wall to ward off the attacks of a fierce neighbor and the Romans stretched their lines all across Europe from the mouth of the Danube in the Black Sea to the mouth of the Rhine in the North Sea. The Russians build no walls with moats and turrets, they send no legions to fortified camps to keep watch on the barbarians. A few men sitting in Moscow and using the telephone, the telegraph, the radio, the printing press, the motion picture, planes and trains, create and maintain that invisible shield which has come to be known as the Iron Curtain."

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NOTICE

The Americanism Division has on hand a limited supply of the following Congressional documents, Subversive activities chairmen of Departments, districts,

or counties should make application on regular Legion letterhead stating which brochures they desire. Department or district chairmen may order up to ten copies of the COMMUNIST PARTY AS THE AGENT OF A FOREIGN POWER for further distribution to subordinate units. Others in the following list are limited to one or two copies, first come; first served.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN POWER

REPORT ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS AS A C.P. FRONT ORGANIZATION

REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE

CITATIONS BY OFFICIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE, OR MUNICIPAL AGENCIES REGARDING THE CHARACTER OF ORGANIZATIONS NAMED. (List of various C. P. fronts and publications cited by various government agencies.)

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Honorable S. Perry Brown
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Brown:

I am in receipt of a memorandum from the Attorney General relative to our conversation on December 3, 1948, concerning proposed legislation to legally curb Communist activities.

The Attorney General advised he would be very glad to see you and as a matter of fact one of his secretaries, Miss Alice O'Donnell, telephoned yesterday and stated the Attorney General desired to contact you relative to a party some time in the near future. With reference to proposed legislation effecting Communists his memorandum stated the contact should be with either The Assistant to the Attorney General Peyton Ford or Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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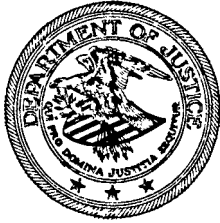
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Attorney General



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THE SPOTLIGHT

~~/~~FOUNDATION FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT. Dr. Harrison ~~/~~Brown, Executive Vice President of the ~~/~~EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF ATOMIC SCIENTISTS, recently gave out a press interview in which he admitted that his organization had permitted the FOUNDATION FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT to use its offices and facilities "until it developed a bad tinge." The ~~/~~E.C.A.S. thereupon moved its offices to Princeton, N.J. apparently leaving the newly created ~~/~~F.W.G. in possession. The Americanism Division requests Legionnaires to send it any literature or information which may emanate from this organization or its speakers for evaluation. The "bad tinge" report was that HENRY ~~/~~WALLACE had secured a \$1,000,000 endowment for it and might be connected with it.

~~/~~LIBERTY BOOK CLUB. 220 West 42nd Street, New York is given as the address of this new "progressive" book club by the DAILY WORKER. President S. A. RUSSELL told the D.W. that his book club would be the "only channel for progressive books to attain a mass sale." The L.B.C. will also rescue "progressive" books if they fail to attract attention or sales in the higher priced market by republishing them at \$1.20.

~~/~~NATIONAL GUARDIAN. Preliminary warning notice. The assets and mailing lists of Gitt's abortive ~~/~~NATIONAL GAZETTE have been taken over by the NATIONAL GUARDIAN an eight page tabloid published at New York. Four issues have been published -- all 100% party line without a sentence to indicate any scientifically discernible deviation from the Communist Party line. An analysis and definitive report will be made on this latest addition to the party line press at a later date when sufficient editions have been issued to make such an analysis practical.

"DOLLAR PATRIOTS." CARL MARZANI, convicted of perjury for concealing his C.P. membership from the U.S. government when he was a high State Department official, has recently turned out this 16 mm. film. He was also the producer of DEADLINE FOR ACTION, still going the rounds in certain C.I.O. unions infested with Communists and actively plugged by fellow travellers where they can safely do so.

"DOLLAR PATRIOTS" is extravagantly praised by the DAILY WORKER which, needless to add, is the cue for all loyal Commies to plug this "documentary." And for loyal Americans to be on the lookout for it.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

In addition to the election returns and the incredibly poor showing made by Wallace there have been a number of significant changes and developments on the world Communist front. Minor reverses and successes of American Communists have been more than offset and discounted by the serious deterioration of the whole world picture. Outside of the striking military gains of the Chinese Communists, world Communism can thank the ignorance, apathy, and indifference of the western world for practically most of its other gains in the so-called "cold war" which is now raging all over the world. The vast majority of the peoples of the western democracies, particularly we Americans, still do not seem to understand that the fate of the world for several hundred years to come is going to be decided within the next two to four years. Like so many rabbits hypnotized by a python, millions of non-Communists either are totally unable to grasp the menace facing them or appear to be paralyzed with fascinated and fatal indecision. Or they are "too busy" with their affairs to be bothered or even worried.

It is superficial to observe that while millions of non-Communists will politely applaud some anti-Communist oration or empty gesture probably less than a hundred would be sufficiently aroused to engage in any positive counter-action involving the expenditure of a few dollars or a few hours of time. On the other hand it is notorious that Communists can activate and set into aggressive motion a very high percentage not only of their own disciplined fanatics but of their numerous corps of dupes, sympathizers, and fellow travelers. World Communism ceaselessly fed by the fires of a burning dynamic faith bordering on religious fanaticism obviously cannot be contained, defeated and hurled back by mere economic and military measures. Communism will inexorably continue to grow and expand until it is opposed by a burning moral and spiritual counter force greater and fiercer than itself. That such a force is already developing in impoverished and demoralized western Europe and non-Soviet Germany is heartening. That this spiritual re-awakening and moral re-armament is long overdue in America cannot be denied. The American Legion can play a vital and historic role in this global struggle for civilization.

Soviet Russia despite her own bad and probably deteriorating internal position continues to derive maximum benefit from her two strongest assets. Geopolitically Russia, dominating the solid land mass of Eurasia, can thrust outward at any suitable point from an interior position of great strength just as Hitler did from 1934 onward. Russia's interior lines give her not only offensive power but choice of the next point of attack. Secondly, with Fifth Columns in every civilized country of the world, some of them of dangerous potentiality as in Italy and France, auxiliaries can be unleashed and set into destructive action at no economic or military risk whenever Soviet foreign policy or the exigencies of the

situation so demand. Stalin once pointed out, "It takes several thousand men a couple of years to build a big bridge but one man with sufficient T.N.T. can blow it up in a matter of seconds." The Stalinist-inspired French coal strikes perfectly illustrate this Stalinist tactic. Demoralized and everweakening France as well as the United States supplying her with E.C.A. funds lost millions of dollars and precious months of production through these disastrous strikes which cost Russia no more than a phone call or a coded cablegram.

~~ILYA~~ EHRENBURG, leading Soviet journalist, recently boasted in PRAVDA that not only would Russia's "defense belt" of satellite-nations stretching from Finland to Northern Korea and Manchuria protect her against villainous American plans of invasion but that "comrades and friends" throughout the rest of the world added strength to this defense belt against western imperialist aggression. In plain English Tovarish ILYA could not help boasting that Russia's Fifth Column in the western world formed part of the Soviet military plans of sabotaging any war waged against the USSR. In brief that Russia's spies, agents infiltrated into the government, military forces, industry, and labor, and other secret allies in all walks of life would be depended on to undermine, demoralize, and disintegrate any nation defending itself against Soviet aggression.

The Communist ~~ECONOMIC~~ NOTES continues to see "soft spots" and a drift towards business recession but shies away from predicting an early depression in this country. A new Russian economist or writer named ~~SHNEERSON~~ writing in the official organ of the Soviet Planning Commission, thinks that he sees an early American economic collapse. For the past several years Soviet prognosticators have continued to predict an American depression despite the fact that ~~EUGEN~~ VARGA leading

Bolshevik economist began to hedge and scale down his predictions over two years ago. As a result VARGA fell from grace and has been banished to outer darkness. SHNEERSON using typical Communist "statistics" claims there are six million unemployed at present in this country and six million more only partly employed. Official U.S. government figures have varied during the past year from a maximum of two and half million to a low of a million six hundred thousand last August. World Communist strategy nevertheless continues to be based on the fervid hopes of an early American economic crash. Even ~~Mao~~ ~~Tse~~ ~~Dung~~, Chinese Communist leader; in a bitter diatribe against "American imperialism" predicted the early death of capitalism throughout the world starting with an American depression of "unimaginable magnitude." Tse Dung denounced the Marshall Plan as indicative of "the extreme rottenness of the capitalist world and its panic in the face of impending extinction."

The next move in the Soviet Union's expansionist foreign policy for the critical year 1949 will not be long in forthcoming, now that Stalin knows that President Truman will remain in the White House for four more years. Chinese and Southeast Asian Communists will drive ahead full speed requiring no further orders from Moscow. The Middle East from Iran and Kurdistan to the Suez Canal will undoubtedly become a main theatre of Soviet "cold war" operations. Maximum advantage will be taken this winter in Europe, particularly Germany, France, and Italy, of cold, hunger, lack of housing and all that go to make up human misery and suffering. ~~MAX~~ ~~GORDON~~, DAILY WORKER scribbler, just returned from Europe, warns of "bitter struggles to break out in every country of western Europe within the next few months." With typical Communist gall and double talk, GORDON, denies that these "bitter struggles" will be Communist instigated but

attempts to imply that they will be entirely spontaneous. His prediction is based solely on "the views of Communist leaders in France, England, Belgium, Holland, and Scandinavia" with whom Gordon conferred. From this it may be assumed that Stalin has already issued orders to keep the pot of social discontent and crippling strikes boiling in western Europe as part of Russia's cold war against the Marshall plan and stabilization of European economy.

American Communist reaction to the election returns was as prompt as Russian broadcasts and cabled excerpts from PRAVDA permitted them to be. Having run Wallace for the sole purpose of defeating and punishing Pres. Truman, the Commies were left very much out on the end of a limb. The astonishingly low Wallace vote put them even more into the doghouse with the Russians who had been sold a bill of goods that Wallace would pull ten million votes and might throw the election into the House of Representatives. Dialectical materialism, however, miraculously enables Communists to snatch "smashing victories" even out of the most dismal fiascos and stunning defeats. So the DAILY WORKER and other C.P. media have been blandly telling their readers that Truman was elected only because he stole most of Wallace's campaign platform and had succeeded in flimflaming the electorate into believing that he was carrying forward the Roosevelt program. In brief the people voted for Truman because they wanted all the things that Wallace stood for. So the President's election was smashing vindication of the Wallace program and a tremendous victory for the Communists. This is dialectical materialism in its finest flowering.

ROBERT ~~THOMPSON~~, writing for the DAILY WORKER, offers the following gem of purest dialectics:

"The American people rejected what they conceived to be the open, blatant face of reaction as shown by the Republican program and Gov. Dewey's campaign. But their desires for peace, lower prices, and democracy did not find clear expression in a major break with the two Big Business parties. Under the impact of Truman demagoguery and the activities of the Social Democrats and right wing labor leaders, their progressive desires were misdirected into support for the veiled but less reactionary aims represented by Truman and the Democratic party. Yet, while a major break with the two party system did not take place, the basis for a mass, potentially powerful, anti-imperialist coalition was created. Whatever the limitations of the size of the Progressive Party vote, the Third party campaign was a decisive factor in increasing the peoples' consciousness of the sharpening war danger, thus erecting a greater barrier to war which, if extended, can upset the war timetable of American fascism."

The future, if any, of the Progressive Party has probably not yet been decided in Moscow so the American comrades are still whooping it up for the Third Party. But HENRY WALLACE'S fate has undoubtedly been settled by his inexcusably bad showing. Communists are not sentimentalists and are noted for their ruthless and quick dumping of weak sisters and useless baggage. The leader of Gideon's hosts will either be dropped quietly or be framed into some "reactionary" or unprogressive speech or action and then cast into outer darkness by his ungrateful Communist handlers. Those "in the know" in New York with pipelines to C.P. thinking are of the opinion that "Henry is through" and that the Muscovites of East 13th Street will get rid of him within the next three months.

Federal Judge Medina of New York has now set January 17 as the trial date for the twelve indicted C.P. leaders charged with conspiring to overthrow the government. Defense lawyers had won one postponement after another on a variety of pleas ranging from ^{William Z.} ~~FOSTER'S~~ bad heart condition to the allegation that present "widespread anti-Communist hysteria" makes a fair trial impossible. This "hysteria was the wilful product of the press and radio." Judge Medina demurred and said, "I cannot find that this is

a fact" after spending days in reading all clippings, magazines, books, and other material submitted to him as evidence of "widespread hysteria." The American Legion was cited as one of several agencies whipping up such "hysteria."

The "Denver Plan" of summoning Communist leaders before Federal Grand Juries and asking them to produce records and membership lists and then citing them for contempt if they refuse to comply has already started to break down. Los Angeles Communists incarcerated for contempt were speedily admitted to bail by Federal judges in other cities effectively nullifying the Denver Plan to the undisguised glee of the Commies. The independence of our judiciary not only from the executive but even from mutual co-operation with each other where one Federal judge locks them up until they talk and another Federal judge promptly springs the Commies is certainly demonstrated in this new development. As well as the depressing fact that even learned judges still apparently know little or nothing as to the true nature of the Communist conspiracy and how it works.

WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING.

The following analysis of space assignment in the C.P. press is based on a survey ending with the Nov. 15th issue of the DAILY WORKER and therefore was still heavily weighted with election news and Wallace boosts. The pattern of previous months which showed that the C.P. press gave twice as much space to Gideon and his orations as it did to its own program and activities was maintained and is highly significant. Wallace space may be expected to nosedive from now on. The C.P.'s concern over the deteriorating situation in the labor unions is correctly reflected by the fact that union news items occupied position #3 in order of space precedence. "Police

brutality", a high item a few months ago, has dropped completely out of sight with less than ten small items. The following monthly analysis is practically self-explanatory and requires no further interpretation. Shift of Communist emphasis can be determined by any interested reader merely by comparing the table with those of previous months.

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A peculiar failing of the American Communist Party due to its highly centralized structure and desire for speedy defensive counter-action is the fact the degree of effectiveness of some counter-Communist action or publication can be almost mathematically measured by the amount of precious

space and rise of blood pressure betrayed by the DAILY WORKER. The degree of concern with which the party leadership at New York regards some new anti-Communist action and the necessity of alerting widely scattered Communists leaves the C.P. general staff little choice but to howl loudly when hurt. Not since the appearance over a year ago of a little comic book, IS THIS TOMORROW, has the DAILY WORKER shown such agitation as it did recently over the publication of another U.S. Chamber of Commerce booklet entitled A PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION. Copies can be obtained for fifty cents directly from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C. The Americanism Division recommends this valuable handbook to all Legionnaires.

COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, ARTS, EDUCATION, ETC.

HOLLYWOOD. The movie industry, with the exception of the Paramount and RKO Studios, is still reported as being heavily loaded down with highly paid "champagne and swimming pool proletarians". Despite a great deal of publicity about "cleaning house" the only housecleaning done out there appears to be that of anti-Communists who testified a year ago before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Many of these Americans are reported as having had their contracts terminated, or not renewed upon expiration, or simply unable to get any assignments whatever despite ability, experience, and previous steady employment. They are blandly informed that the present bad slump in pictures with resultant budget retrenchments and curtailed schedules is the sole reason for their present non-employment. On the other hand there is nothing to indicate that a single Communist or fellow traveler, other than the original ten individuals cited for contempt, has been ousted or lost any work. And there seems to be some suspicion that several of those ostensibly fired from the industry are presently marketing their wares through dummies or under new names. Jimmie Fidler in a recent broadcast made this

unsubstantiated charge and other sources of known reliability tend to support it. There is no question in the minds of authorities on this situation that the Stalinists are well entrenched and not only immune to exposure and ousting but are able to finger and discharge their known enemies.

An analysis of about twenty pictures put out by those studios with the heaviest concentration of Communists and fellow travellers reveals that the Commies are resorting to the age old tactic of hiding behind innocent shields. One bad egg is slipped into every picture so that if any objection is made or boycott threatened, the reputations and income of several hundred loyal Americans is involved. It is also assumed that no considerable protest or unfavorable box office reaction need be feared where only one or two writers, directors, actors or others are in the picture. Outstanding pictures which nearly everyone will normally want to go and see will naturally carry one or two outstanding stinkers somewhere in the background so as to give them a build-up ride. Another angle is that riding along in the same vehicle with 95 or 98% with popular stars and good Americans the public will get the inference that they too, are OK. Nice going! -- Or is it???

Congressman Wood of Georgia, who presumably will become the new Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, has already given out a press statement that he felt the movie industry had been sufficiently investigated and that he did not contemplate continuing the hearings so suddenly and mysteriously called off by J. Parnell Thomas last October, 1947. Thomas promised to resume the hearings this January but lost his chairmanship when the House went Democratic. Thomas claimed that he would uncover at least fifty more leading Communists and frontiers in the movie industry.

There have been a number of excellent articles on Communism and its various aspects in recent issues of national magazines. Oddly enough, there has been nothing in many years on Communist infiltration in the colleges and the leading role played by college professors in various Communist front organizations and whitewash committees supporting and defending various Communist causes and Communists in difficulties. The poisoning of the next generation in its formative and easily impressionable age is obviously one of the most serious breaches in our democratic defenses. We understand that such an article was prepared and recently sold to COSMOPOLITAN and slated for August or September publication. It was written by an eminent authority in this field, himself a former college professor and master organizer of Communist fronts. The article has failed to appear. Interested Legionnaires might address a letter of inquiry to the Editor, COSMOPOLITAN, Hearst Bldg., 8th Ave. and 57th St., New York, and inquire what happened to "STALIN'S HAND IN OUR SCHOOLS."

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COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT is omitted from this issue as the C.I.O. convention being held this week in Portland, Oregon, will undoubtedly bring about far-reaching changes in the whole picture.

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GENERAL ELECTRIC RETRACTS.

READERS DIGEST recently ran an article by a former Communist which in the main was confined to his own personal experiences as a small fry Communist and undercover agent for some unidentified government agency. While a good article there were several bad slips. One was a purported oath taken by Communists to work for the overthrow of the government by force and violence. General Electric apparently reprinted the article in whole or in part and then the fun began. The Communist

Party through its attorneys threatened a libel suit -- the C.P. USA had never exacted such an oath from its new members. It was obviously on safe grounds. General Electric in good faith had taken the checked and double-checked material of a nationally known magazine. It promptly retracted and offered the Comraes an apology. The DAILY WORKER gave it number one headlines on the front page -- another victory over the red-baiters! Moral -- Communist literature is full of the most damning evidence on every aspect of the conspiracy. Why bother with second hand quotes of dubious material when originals are available. The bad part of this whole business is that many other organizations which might have adopted anti-Communist programs may now be frightened off by the G.E. experience.

QUIPS AND BITS -- THE LIGHTER SIDE.

An "honorable" member of Parliament, one PHILIP ~~PIRATIN~~, Communist, informed his colleagues that the U.S. had refused him a visa to visit this country. Comrade PIRATIN was quite offended. He stated that "a certain very honest and respectable British citizen", namely himself, had been barred from the U.S. while Great Britain in turn "allows any kind of riff raff into this country." No doubt referring to the G. I.s of the last war.

The Detroit ~~WAGE~~ EARNER claims credit for this one. The Russkies in Austria ordered several carloads of bananas from Italy on a barter deal. They were duly inspected by a Soviet officer who certainly knew his bananas. He ate the curious fruit skin and all and promptly rejected them on the grounds that "bananas are unfit for Russian Communist soldiers. Dispose of them through the Austrian economy." "Yes, we have no bananas" is now reported as a favorite barracks song of the Reds in Austria.

Detroit recently issued some official city statistics showing that it harbored a rat population of two million or 8% more than its human population.

Fussy people claim the figures are ambiguous as Detroit's statisticians did not indicate in which category they counted their large Communist population.

The ~~Y~~OUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA in Chicago recently received a hurry up call for a volunteer worker urgently needed at the North Side Wallace headquarters. When the ~~Y~~PA shock brigadier reached the Wallace hall he found the front end of a costume horse to be used in a parade already filled. The Wallaceites needed some one to fill the horse's southern exposure and had quite logically called for a YPA boy. He got the place of honor.

The DAILY WORKER recently reported that its "dearly beloved leader of the toiling masses, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had been "ordered" to take a rest. Whose orders, his doctor's or Stalin's?

The choicest vials of journalistic venom and billingsgate are reserved in the Communist press for the "stool pigeon", that is to say, the former Communist who having reformed and become an American again has the courage and patriotism to testify in government hearings against his former pals. Oddly enough the snitcher and stoolie in the Workers' Fatherland is an important adjunct of the ruling Soviets. The Russians in east Germany, however, have now raised the art to a very practical basis and high level. A point system rewards those Germans who squeal on their own countrymen and tip off the Russians to caches of food, fodder, nails, linseed oil, etc. Two eggs hidden in the attic -- so many points. A keg of nails presumably hits the pay off jackpot. Six hundred Soviet squealer points gets you a young suckling pig which you may fatten and raise for your own use.

How's that again Mr. Nexo? The DAILY WORKER recently quoted the

"world famous" Danish author MARTIN ANDERSON NEXO (never heard of him) as having cabled the following message to the indicted twelve American Communists:

"The ideology for which you American comrades are now being dragged before a heresy tribunal is a rich and beautiful ideology. You want to create a rich and fruitful, beautiful, life for all human beings." Yes, that's right -- rich, fruitful and beautiful like an N.K.V.D. slave labor camp in Siberia.

The Summary is at a loss to explain why this "world famous" author and good comrade has not applied for a visa to come over here and lecture to us ala Dean of Canterbury. After denouncing America and all its works he would obviously have little trouble getting a visa from the same State Department officials who so thoughtfully coached the Red Dean how to get into the United States.

COMMUNISM ABROAD.

The disastrous deterioration of the military situation in northern China has for the moment focused world attention and concern on this long neglected battlefield against world Communism. As there is ample coverage in the press on this situation it would be redundant for the Summary to devote further space to it. Tito and company sent their fondest and most loyal felicitations to Stalin and Molotov on the 31st Anniversary of the Bolshevik seizure of power. The Yugoslav Communist party ranged itself alongside the Russian Bolsheviks against "the war-mongering and aggression" of the West. The messages indicated that Yugoslavia under Tito would continue to stand with the Soviet Union on all basic questions affecting their relationship with the non-Communist world. Any differences with the ~~COMINFORM~~ were purely those of an internal family quarrel, the messages indicated.

That this "misunderstanding between brothers" on the other hand is not in the process of being healed is disclosed in the latest issue of the COMINFORM paper to reach this country. A virulent article signed by one ~~L. BARANOV~~ denounces Tito, ~~KARDELJ~~, ~~STILAS~~ (a former favorite of Stalin) and other Yugoslav leaders as "traitors, enemies of the working class, old factionalists, hangmen, cowards, Philistines, Pharisees, arrant liars, charlatans, and (most awful epithet of all) bourgeois nationalists." Comrade Rankovic "can boast neither of intelligence or valor." Collectively they have lost "every vestige of honesty and courage" and as a Russian proverb has it "they are as thievish as cats and as timid as hares." Baranov predicts they will end up "on the garbage heap of history". He predicts that "they will become the bitterest enemies of the working class, renegades, traitors and assassins, like the contemptible degenerates Bukharin and Trotzky." As copies of this Oct. 15th issue of ~~FOR A LASTING PEACE~~ must have reached Belgrade before Tito sent his loving felicitations to Uncle Joe on Nov. 6th one gets a real insight into Communist crawling and attempting to lick the hand that is beating it. To seasoned Communists however, such revolting hypocrisy is quite simple and rational -- it's materialistic dialectics!

Forced labor camps have been set up in Czechoslovakia to take care of "reactionaries" found speaking against the Communist government. Arrests and disappearances average a hundred a week. Political opposition to the state by act of the Communist-controlled Parliament is now defined as criminal offense with penalties ranging up to five years imprisonment.

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THE FIELD, SPLINTER GROUPS, & MISCELLANEOUS RADICAL SECTS.

The James ~~Kutscher~~ case has now become of national interest because of the formation of ~~a~~ ~~KUTCHER~~ DEFENSE COMMITTEE consisting mainly of non-Communist radicals and liberals. The DAILY WORKER and other C.P.

organs have maintained a typical Stalinist blackout on the case, otherwise made to order for Communist propaganda purposes: It is a matter of strict Stalinist principle never to go to the defense of Trotskyites no matter how attractive the propaganda angle may be and if possible to avoid any mention of the case. Kutcher is a purple heart vet who lost both legs in Italy and recently was fired from a petty \$40 a week V.A. job because he admitted membership in the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY an obscure anti-Stalinist sect of Trotskyites numbering less than a thousand in this country. Both wings of the Trotskyites, the Shachtmannites and the Cannonites utterly repudiated and rejected Henry Wallace, running, where they were able to do so, their own candidates for office.

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CHECK LIST OF RECOMMENDED READING

There have been several excellent magazine articles in the past month on various aspects of the Communist problem. Best articles were those in Colliers by Louis Budenz which should be studied and remembered by every Legionnaire. Colliers should be asked to reprint these articles. Redbook for November contains a thought-provoking article "ARE YOU ON THE COMMUNIST SLAVE LIST?" Liberty published a good article by Bob Stripling of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES	Ben Nitlow	Scribners, New York	\$3.50
NOBBLY	Ralph Chaplin	Un. of Chicago	\$5.00
THREE WHO MADE A REVOLUTION	Wolfe	Dial, New York	\$5.00
SOVIET SPIES	Hirsch	Duell, Sloan, Pearce	\$1.00
THE IRON CURTAIN	Gouzenko	Duttons, New York	\$3.00
TELL THE WEST	Glikzman	Gresham, New York	\$3.75

All of the above titles can be secured direct from the American Legion Book Service, 1608 K St., N.W., Washington, D. C. at regular prices as above. Books, because they can be donated to libraries, circulated through your community, or added to your post library, are heavy ammunition in the Legion's war on Communism. BUY AND PASS SOME AMMUNITION.

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Mr. Don Kingsbury
Lewville, New York

Dear Mr. Kingsbury:

Mr. Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in Charge of our New York City Office, has advised me of your most gracious commendatory observations with reference to this Bureau and my administration of its activities during your address before the Westchester County Central Committee of the American Legion at Post 90 American Legion Headquarters, Mamaroneck, New York, on November 10th. I did want to write you this note to express my deepest appreciation for your favorable comments on that occasion. It is always very gratifying to receive such reports and I do hope the activities of this organization will always merit your confidence and support.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

G. J. R. -7

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RE: AMERICAN LEGION RELATIONS

Dear Sir:

On September 8th last at New Rochelle, New York, I addressed a meeting of the Westchester County Central Committee of the American Legion which is made up of delegates and alternates from the 58 Posts of the Legion in Westchester County.

I was introduced to the meeting by Mr. B. F. McGrath, Chairman of the Program Committee and who is in addition Past Commander of Legion Post 347 at Larchmont, New York.

The other day Special Agent F. X. O'Donnell met Mr. McGrath and of the interview which ensued Agent O'Donnell has submitted to me a memorandum from which I quote the following:

"Another monthly meeting of American Legion Central Committee was held at Post 90, American Legion Headquarters in Mamaroneck, N.Y. on November 10th.

"The principal speaker at this meeting, Mr. McGrath said, was Don Kingsbury of Lowville, N.Y., New York State Commander of the American Legion and who in private and official life is a member of the New York State Conservation Department.

"State Commander Kingsbury discussed, Mr. McGrath said, routine American Legion matters but devoted a considerable part of his talk to the question of disloyalty and subversive activities. These features Mr. McGrath said were super-emphasized by Mr. Kingsbury who spared neither words nor enthusiasm in emphasizing (1) the existing close and friendly relationship between the American Legion and the FBI, (2) that when any information might come to any member of the organization involving subversive activities on the part of anyone in his immediate neighborhood he should report the matter only to the FBI, (3) his high personal appreciation of the Director and the organization which he heads.

"Mr. McGrath stated that Commander Kingsbury's appraisal of Director Hoover and his organization was probably the most superlative tribute he had ever heard tendered to an individual or group.

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"Mr. McGrath said he was pleased to submit the above report because he said he fully endorsed everything Mr. Kingsbury had said."

I felt the substance of Agent O'Donnell's memorandum would interest you and hence its present submission.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
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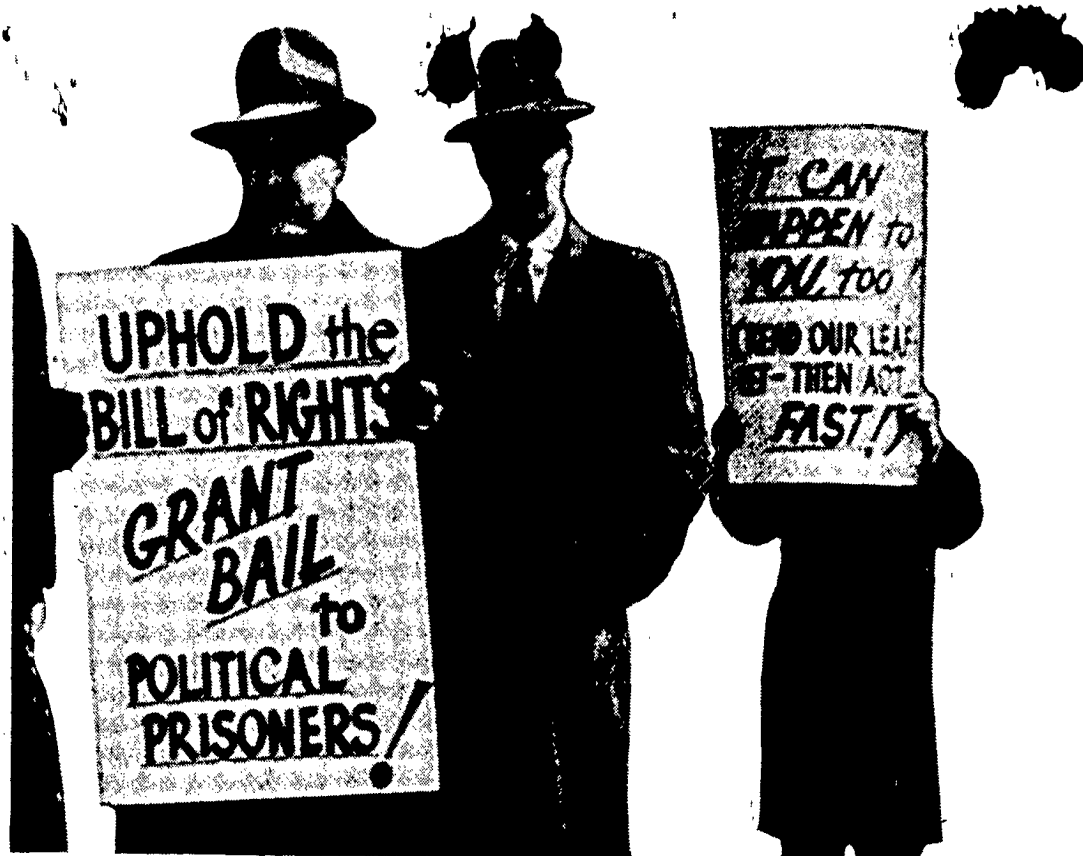
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HOW YOU CAN FIGHT COMMUNISM

THE rape of Czechoslovakia and the President's message to Congress on March 16th pointing out the now clear menace of world communism poses a serious question for the Legion. Are we doing all we can at Post and community level in combating and exposing communist activities? Or are we complacently "letting George do it"? Resolutions and oratorical efforts are obviously not enough. Strong arm methods and various other attempts to prevent communist or near-communist meetings are both beneath Legion dignity and counter the fundamental constitutional American rights.

Communists in East Europe when close to seizing power, or after actual seizures of power such as recently occurred in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, broke up meetings of their opponents and practiced every form of violence and terror against their helpless victims. Having stifled all opposition and public

opinion in a bloody reign of terror, these brutalitarians naturally do not have to worry about public reaction. Terror is openly advocated and used precisely for the purpose of silencing all public protest against the crushing of the last few remaining human rights.

What then can Legionnaires effectively do to combat these Fifth Columnists in our midst and yet stay strictly within the law of the land and bounds of patriotic propriety? Plenty! First let us briefly analyze the problem. The nature and purposes of world communism are now generally understood by all literate, informed Americans. Communists, no matter what their pretenses, are foreign agents in any country in which they are allowed to operate. The Canadian spy trials more than proved that point. But while they are plotters for revolution and ultimate seizure of power, it obviously would be

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foolish for them openly to state anything so unwanted, unpopular and illegitimate.

So the first step is to disguise, deodorize, and attractively package Moscow's revolutionary products. Next, the salesmen and peddlers themselves must be skillfully disguised, deodorized, and glamorized. Hence, communists always appear before the public as "progressives." Yesterday they were "20th Century Americans"; last week they were "defenders of all civil liberties"; tonight they may be "honest, simple trades unionists." They are "liberals" at breakfast, "defenders of world peace" in the afternoon, and "the voice of the people" in the evening. These artful dodges and ingenious dissimulations obviously make it difficult for the average, trusting citizen to keep up with every new communist swindle and con game.

Here is where The American Legion can serve exactly the same important public service that Better Business Bureaus have done in the past in warning and protecting the public against all manner of swindles and rackets. With 17,000 Posts, the Legion should have at least 17,000 fairly well-trained and qualified specialists on subversive activities. At least one or two in every community over ten thousand in population. These specialists should receive their basic indoctrination at seminars such as have been held in California, Georgia, Maine, Wisconsin and elsewhere.

Has your Department held a seminar on subversive activities? If not, why not? It does not require four years of college to be able to spot new commie fronts and to keep abreast of the ever-changing party line. But it does require a few hours of serious study and reading each week plus consultation with recognized experts. Legionnaires cannot devote themselves to any more valuable public service. I want to utter a solemn warning at this point that in no field of human endeavor is it easier to make silly, dangerous and irremedial mistakes. The long struggle against communism in this country is liberally strewn with the wrecks of well-meaning but badly informed and blundering anti-communists. *When in doubt—confer first with known experts and authorities.*

Most cities today contain a nucleus of former F.B.I. men, Army or Navy Intelligence officers, former C.P. members who have come over to our side, and other trained or experienced men, many of them Legionnaires. They should be contacted and organized into an unofficial advisory committee. Ex-

perts on communism are available; it is your job to locate them in your Department and community. These experts generally all know each other, and should be used to check on the credibility of doubtful and unknown "anti-communists."

You cannot fight knowledge with ignorance. Communist propaganda is generally craftily conceived and is carried out with diabolic cunning and guile. Most communists spend years in study and training for their subversive roles. You cannot expect to outwit and thwart them by reading a couple of pamphlets or even a book. You will simply have to know your stuff. Merely hating them is not enough. The Americanism Division at National Headquarters has prepared a recommended reading list of books and periodicals for those undertaking a serious preliminary study of the problem of subversion. It is free; send for it. I suggest that your Post form a small library of its own. See that your Post members read some of these basic books and then circulate them in your community among your community leaders—clergymen, newspaper and radio station people, teachers, labor leaders, etc. Advertise your Post and the Legion by stamping on the flyleaf, "By Courtesy of American Legion Post . . ."

The monthly *Summary of Trends and Developments* in subversive activities put out by the Americanism Division is now available at \$3.00 per year to Post Americanism and other officers. This subscription rate also includes such topical studies as the Americanism Division publishes and distributes from time to time. Subscribe to it. The Department of Indiana has printed and distributed an excellent handbook on how properly to combat subversion. Send for it. Every Department should distribute such a manual of Americanism.

See that your Post also subscribes to such few periodicals and papers as specialize in exposing communist activities. They are listed in the recommended reading list I have already mentioned. See that these publications are also circulated thoroughly around your community where they will do the most good. Legionnaire doctors and dentists should stock their waiting rooms with such literature. Literally every American passes through a doctor's or dentist's waiting room in the course of a year. Put copies in your local libraries, particularly colleges and schools. Communists are assiduous in planting their well-disguised propaganda in such libraries. Do likewise with exposures of such subversive propaganda.

These news letters and publications keep you and your community informed week to week on the latest shifts in the communist party line as well as the newest fronts and booby traps set up to ensnare the unwary. When a known pro-Soviet apologist is slated to lecture in your city, to address a meeting, speak over a local station, or make any kind of public appearance, form a small delegation, assemble all your facts (having first made doubly sure that they are facts), then call upon those responsible for importing the out-of-town peddler of Soviet propaganda and in a friendly, helpful manner call their attention to the fact that they evidently have been misinformed as to the background and record of the individual in question or to the true intent and purpose of the allegedly bona fide organization.

Or if some of your local prominent people have sponsored or lent their names or contributed money to indubitable C. P. fronts, perform the same friendly advisory service. Remember that you are trying to protect a local citizen from being made the fool, so belligerence and blustering are entirely out of order. If your local organization or citizen rejects your friendly, documented advice, then obviously you are dealing with a willful fool or with people who know exactly what they are doing and don't care. In other words, you will have uncovered another C. P. fronter.

Let me also at this point offer a warning against indiscriminately calling people "communists" if you do not have legal evidence that will stand up in court to support your charge. Communists are now in such deservedly low repute that many State courts have started to rule that unwarrantedly calling an innocent person a Communist is libelous in itself. Any lawyer or judge advocate can suggest alternate terms for fellow travelers and communist sympathizers and stooges. For accurate definitions see *Communists in the Government*, a U. S. Chamber of Commerce pamphlet. The Americanism Division at Indianapolis has a limited supply available for distribution to Americanism officers.

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I think it would be an excellent idea for each Post or district or county council to have a strong Press Liaison Committee which would keep the local newspapers and radio stations informed on the latest shifts in party line as well as to warn against new fronts as they are set up. Exposure in advance is naturally far more effective than exposure after the

fact—and needl[redacted], far more disconcerting to the comrades [redacted] the Kremlin front.

Communists make continuous and adroit use of the "letters to the editor" columns to inject their poison and to boost and whitewash each other as "liberals," "progressives," or "union leaders." Utilize these columns for countering and exposing their activities. Likewise, when newspaper editors, radio news commentators and others favorably mention or plug some communist book, speaker, organization, movement, or communist enterprise, be quick to draw their attention to their mistakes and ask for a rectification. Many newspapers and other publicity media have secret communists on their staffs who regularly slip in a neat hypodermic needle full of Moscow virus. They simply neglect to mention that "So and So" is a well known communist or that "Such and Such Organization" is a communist front and a fraud. Call their attention to their "mistakes" in a friendly manner. Honest and patriotic people appreciate such friendly tips. Those who keep right on making similar "mistakes" should have their employers or sponsors notified.

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Movie producers and producers of nationally advertised products have extremely sensitive pocket-book nerves. Communists discovered this years ago and have been highly successful through sheer fraud and bluff into scaring these people into firing anti-communists and others on their blacklists. It is high time that we, the overwhelming majority of Americans, demand that national advertisers cease subsidizing indirectly the communist party by employing at fancy salaries clearly proven party members or consistent camp followers and supporters. All communists must "kick back" heavy percentages of their salaries to the Party; so every time you buy a book, a magazine with an article by a communist in it, listen to a lecturer, attend a play or movie written by or in which known communists and fellow travelers play any part, or otherwise contribute financially to a commie, you are subsidizing the communist party.

The communists keep a flock of pro-Soviet apologists and confusionists traveling around the country as lecturers and speakers. All lecturers and speakers not known locally should be checked before contracts are signed or arrangements made for them to appear in your community. Know who you are listening to. All fund collectors and ticket sellers should be required by the local police to identify

themselves and their organization in order to protect the general public against being flim-flammed on phony communist fronts. All street solicitors should be made to identify themselves.

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I suggest a national circuit of anti-communist experts, such as those who addressed the Washington Seminar last November, to follow each other in regular sequence bringing to every American community authentic and enlightening information on every aspect of the whole subversive problem. The cost would be very small and could be reduced still more if five or six local patriotic organizations formed a committee to secure such speakers and divide the expense between them.

Communist fifth columnists in this country are pure parasites in that they are totally dependent on us for the funds necessary for them to carry on their subversive work. Cutting off or at least materially reducing their annual "take," running into millions of dollars, is obviously one of the most effective and quick means of drastically curbing their activities. Every contributor to C. P. fronts should be continuously exposed by every possible legal means. Never forget the fact that communists operating in our midst are in effect a secret battalion of spies and saboteurs parachuted by a foreign foe far inside our lines at night and operating as American citizens under a variety of disguises just as the Nazis did in Holland and Belgium. Every art of human cunning is therefore necessary on their part to protect themselves and their subversive mission from exposure.

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Far from their homeland and base of supplies, they are totally dependent on us for cover, food, munitions and transport. The front organizations continually set up by the C. P. are therefore nothing more than screening auxiliary forces which keep the secret battalion supplied, clothed and fed. Mercilessly and tirelessly exposing and putting these fronts out of business is manifestly almost as vital as detecting and exposing actual communists and spies. Actual official investigation is obviously beyond our jurisdiction and under the law it is the proper field of the F. B. I., while the exposure of front organizations and communist supporters is the function of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This critically important Congressional Committee is badly understaffed and has been able barely to

scratch the surface of the whole vast problem of subversion in this country, carried on as it is by a secret battalion of some 75,000 or 80,000 trained communists and an estimated auxiliary corps of 750,000 to one million dupes, camp followers, secret sympathizers and casual supporters. American citizens therefore must protect themselves from being flim-flammed into joining, sponsoring, contributing to, or otherwise supporting a host of apparently worthwhile, humanitarian movements and organizations, a high percentage of which may turn out to be C. P. fronts. The Detroit Board of Education performed a signal service recently in sending 30,000 copies of the Attorney General's subversive list to all school teachers and other prominent Detroiters as a public service. Anyone who had innocently joined such a front now knew the full facts. Anyone who subsequently joined could hardly plead innocence.

No doubt a number of patriotic, sincere people contributed money to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee under the misapprehension that their money was helping keep alive starving and miserable Spanish refugees in France. Subsequent disclosures showed that the communists themselves boasted that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee supplied the funds for Tito's transportation from Moscow to Yugoslavia and that the leading Comintern agent in the U. S. A., Gerhardt Eisler, drew at least \$6,000 from this organization to carry on his nefarious anti-American activities. And one of the eighteen Canadians involved in the atomic spy cases testified that he first was snared into the American League for Peace and Democracy "because of his sincere interest in peace and combating fascism." He started out stuffing envelopes. A few years later Russian agents had "developed" him into an important atomic spy.

A large percentage of Legionnaires are union members, yet at least a dozen or more large, national unions are completely communist controlled or influenced. It is quite plain that at least in these unions Legionnaires have taken it lying down. Communists seldom exceed three per cent of the membership of any union, nevertheless with this insignificant minority they have been able to seize absolute control in many unions. Legionnaires in these unions, many of them critical in national defense, have a man-sized job cut out for them. Let them take heart and example from the recent house-cleaning of communists in various C. I. O. unions. It can be done. Legionnaires in communist-controlled unions should band

together into a real United Front with every other loyal American on a common denominator program of cleaning out the Stalinists.

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All Departments and Posts should be eternally vigilant against any attempts to sabotage or wreck the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Washington State Legislative Committee on Subversive Activities, or the Fact Finding Committee of the California Legislature, also known as the Tenney Committee. Communists have made the destruction of the House Un-American Activities Committee their top priority objective. The U. S. Federal Courts have recently upheld its powers and constitutionality. The legality of the Washington State Committee has been seriously challenged by the zealous stooges of the C. P. in that state and the task of undermining and wrecking the Tenney Committee goes on night and day. The American Legion should be in the forefront in demanding that similar subversive investigating committees be set up by the State legislatures in every Department where communism is a serious threat. Despite Legion support in the passage of Michigan's Callahan Act, this law requiring communists to register as foreign agents has been nullified by pressure lobbies to the point where the Michigan's Attorney General has indicated that he will not attempt to enforce the law. In other words, we are still fighting a losing, defensive rearguard action in Michigan.

It was the paralyzing general strike that made the communist coup in Czechoslovakia an assured success. I am sure that American labor has read well this lesson and is setting its house in order so that such a bloodless revolution or seizure of power can never be attempted by Stalin's agents in this country.

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The American Legion is composed of men who risked their lives on the field of battle for their country in two world wars. Military wars of aggression have now been replaced by a far more insidious form of warfare—political or psychological war. Shooting wars have been turned by the communists into "cold wars." Cold wars require even a greater degree of vigilance and militancy on our part than shooting wars. The fight against America's enemies goes on.

There is work, important work, for every loyal Legionnaire as I have outlined in this article. Everyone is now familiar with the communists' fanaticism and their ruthless, dynamic drive for power. If 75,000 fanatical communists can indoctrinate, control and activate an estimated million dupes and camp followers, surely The American Legion's more than three million members can arouse, warn and instruct the remaining 139 millions of our citizens. The task is clear, the weapons and tools are available—let's go!

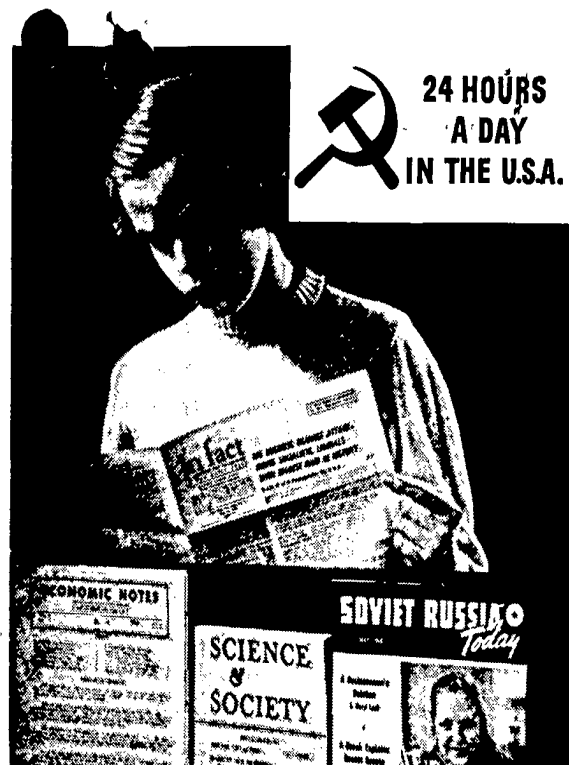
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COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS AND HOW TO RECOGNIZE THEM



A communist front organization may be defined as one which, although it is purportedly set up and carried on for some specific worthy and altruistic cause, nevertheless was created by crypto-communists or fellow travelers and is influenced or controlled by them to conform to the current party line of the communist party. Long experience and highly developed techniques have made the creation of front organizations a new and vexatious phenomenon in American life. It is not always easy to spot new front organizations. Many worthwhile and patriotic organizations find the going hard because of the general suspicion which has now been aroused by communist fronts in the past years. "When in doubt—find out" is an excellent motto to use when considering endorsement or support of any new organizations the sponsors or promoters of which are not well and personally known to you. The Americanism Division maintains a special service of checking and reporting on new organizations. Make use of it when you or your local community has any doubt as to the bona fides of some new movement, organization, or group. Always send along a letterhead, statement of policy, official publication, or other printed matter of the organization in question. It is quite often impossible to determine whether an organization is or is not a front without a letterhead or roster of its sponsors and governing officers.



The following twelve tests, while not necessarily infallible, if applied singly become cumulatively persuasive and convincing when totalled. In other words, some non-front, innocent organization might become suspect because it apparently conformed to one or two of these tests but only an unquestionable communist front organization would meet all twelve tests.

A Check List for Front Organizations

1. The *Daily Worker*, *Peoples World*, *Chicago Star*, and other known communist party organs consistently support and publicize the suspected front organization. The birth and christening announcements of front organizations are frequently first announced in such party organs.
2. Paid advertisements and notices invariably appear in communist organs. Such advertisements, if extensive and continuous, are merely a device for transferring some of the front's funds to the mother communist party.
3. Literature, posters, tickets, etc., of the front organization are on display or for sale in communist bookshops and other places under indubitable communist party control.
4. The front organization's printing, as disclosed by the tell-tale union label number or printer's "bug,"

is done in printshops known to print the official literature of the communist party, of communist-dominated unions, and other front organizations. For example, *In Fact*, although it strenuously denies any communist connection whatever, is printed by New Union Press (union label No. 412) which is owned by the communist party and does most of its printing.

5. The front organization, regardless of its avowed purpose, is actively and vigorously supported by those unions known to be under communist party control. The exact degree of effective communist control of such a union often being strikingly revealed by the amount of publicity and lavish praise bestowed on the newly-created front organization by the union in question.

6. The general aims and avowed objectives of the front organization do not conflict with nor are ever at variance with the known communist party line of the moment. Nor does it ever question or criticize the foreign policy or any action of the Soviet Union.

7. Despite its specifically professed purpose, usually the loftiest and noblest of which human idealism can conceive, the front organization does engage at various times and in varying degrees in some pro-Soviet, pro-communist activity, openly or covertly.

8. Disregarding its avowed humanitarian and altruistic objectives as well as its new and deceptively misleading name, the front organization's pedigree can usually be traced back to some other indubitable communist party front now defunct because of exposure or self-liquidation. *E.g.*, the American Peace Mobilization rose from the ashes of the American League for Peace and Democracy, which in turn was merely a change in name from the American League Against War and Fascism, which sprang out of the United States Congress Against War and Fascism, in turn born out of the World Committee Against War and Fascism. A genealogy of the current National Council for American-Soviet Friendship back to its father Adam, the American Federated Committee founded in 1921 by Dr. Dubrowsky, an associate of Lenin and Kamenev, would read like a Biblical list of "begats" going through fourteen or fifteen generations.

9. The front organization is sponsored and supported by individuals and organizations themselves generally of unquestionable front character. Analyzing such sponsorship lists and dividing them into three categories, we usually find: (1) indubitable

innocents and (2) people totally unaware of the Judas goat role they are playing; (2) seasoned fellow travelers whose names appear on a fairly high percentage of such sponsorship lists, and (3) well-known or suspected pro-communists, usually kept down to an innocuous-appearing minority.

10. While the front's sponsorship list may boast of a number of socially prominent, important, and often some impeccable names including known anti-communists, representing, as they usually do, all walks of life and strata of our society, the strategic positions of control are invariably in the hands of totally unknown or obscure individuals who are either willing and thoroughly reliable communist agents or unexposed communist party members. Positions of control are those *full-time*, salaried positions having access to the membership lists, finances, editorial policy, records, and correspondence.

11. Unlike most other organizations which undergo normal, slow, human development from birth, through years of babyhood and childhood to maturity; front organizations, like Minerva, invariably spring into life full-fledged and armed from the forehead of the Comintern. Practically all American front organizations literally sprang into existence over night to meet specific, pressing communist exigencies arising out of current and important issues of the day or changes in Soviet foreign policy.

12. Just as their spontaneous generation defies the laws of physics, the incredibly high and sudden mortality of such fronts denies all normal processes of deterioration and decline. Soviet foreign policy and its shadow, the communist party line in this country, has taken another twist or turn and the front organization is no longer needed or becomes a stultifying source of embarrassment, so it is literally scrapped overnight. Membership of such front organizations, no matter how large they may be, are seldom if ever informed of the liquidation of their "democratic" organization. A notorious example was the instant scrapping on the morning of June 22, 1941, of the American Peace Mobilization when Hitler suddenly attacked Russia.

The A. P. M. had been picketing the White House for weeks and denouncing President Roosevelt as a "war-monger plotting to drag this country into the imperialist war." The picket line was withdrawn that same day and the nationwide American Peace Mobilization which had been dedicated to withholding supplies from England, against Selective Service,

against arming of convoys, and against all defense appropriations was literally scrapped within a matter of days. The chairman of the Washington A. P. M. stoutly denied that there was any connection between the dissolution of A. P. M. and Russian involvement in the war. It was a "mere coincidence."

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The following list of subversive and front organizations is a compilation of all citations made by Federal, state, or municipal investigative agencies. The citing agency in each case is identified by a code name behind the organization's name. It should be noted that organizations and publications still in existence or thought to be active are printed in bold face type while those known to be defunct or inactive are set forth in light face type. It was impossible in many cases to establish whether the organization in question was still in existence or defunct. Communist front organizations are set up over night; thrive for a year or two and are invariably liquidated as quietly and as suddenly as they sprang into life. The mere publication of a list of such fronts by the Attorney General of the United States, the House Un-American Activities Committee, or some State committee is often the cue for a change of name or liquidation. This list, therefore, will undoubtedly become rapidly obsolete in a mat-

ter of a few months. New fronts as they appear are listed in the *Spotlight* of the Americanism Division's monthly *Summary of Trends and Developments* (subscription rate \$3 per year). *Counterattack*, *Alert*, *New Leader*, *National Republic*, *The Show-Up*, and other similar publications also specialize in keeping the public informed on new front organizations. The addresses of these various publications are appended separately for convenience sake.

It is recommended that copies of this checklist be given as a Legion public service to community and neighborhood leaders and molders of public opinion such as newsmen, ministers, radio newscasters, teachers, business, labor and professional leaders and such others as are usually victimized by communists on various front organization booby traps.

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It should be carefully noted that the following checklist is confined to publications and organizations cited by official government agencies. A number of indubitable fronts *not officially* cited are therefore omitted. *Alert*, *Counterattack*, Frederick Woltman of the N. Y. *World-Telegram*, and other competent authorities have compiled their own up-to-date lists which should also be consulted by those interested in this problem. Space has been left throughout the checklist for adding the names of new fronts as they arise or are officially cited by competent agencies.

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(FOR KEY TO CITING AGENCY, SEE PAGE 15)

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AMERICAN RELIEF SHIP FOR SPAIN
AMERICAN RESCUE SHIP MISSION
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 HOLLYWOOD LEAGUE OF WOMEN SHOPPERS
 HOLLYWOOD MOTION PICTURE DEMOCRATIC
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 HOLLYWOOD QUARTERLY (a publication)
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The National Adjutant of the American Legion weekly publishes an informative letter concerning matters in which the members of National Committees and Department officers are interested. In the January 28, 1949 issue the following is stated:

"The American Legion has been upheld by the Supreme Court of New York (Justice Schreiber) in its right to cancel the temporary charter of a post at its own discretion. Decision was rendered following a mandamus suit brought by the Duncan-Paris Post #1422, whose charter has been suspended."

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"National Adjutant's Letter". In the issue of January 28, 1949, the
 following is stated:

"Four million children in the U. S. are fatherless, motherless,
 or both. This is about one child out of every eleven. Slightly over a
 million and a half of these children who have lost the support of a parent
 are receiving some help through either the state programs of Aid to
 Dependent Children or the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance system."

I talked to Mr. Suttler concerning this and he thought the material
 might be of possible use in making Bureau addresses, particularly on the
 subject of juvenile delinquency and I have written Miss Emma G. Puschner,
 National Director of Child Welfare, Indianapolis, to ascertain the source
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SATURDAY, February 5, 1949

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM: Registration
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM: Arthur Bliss Lane, former Ambassador to Poland.
Subject: SOME DANGEROUS ASPECTS IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY.
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM: Benjamin Gitlow...Subject: COMMUNIST PSYCHOLOGY, TACTICS, AND TOTAL AMOPALITY.
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM: Noon Recess.
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM: Eugene Lyons...Subject: COMMUNIST PARTY TOPICS, THEIR PURPOSE AND TACTICS.
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Professor Vladimir Petrov of Yale University,
Subject: SOVIET SLAVE LABOR CAMPS — AS SEEN FROM THE INSIDE.
3:00 PM to 3:45 PM: Rev. William C. Kernan of The Institute For American Democracy, Inc., Subject: HATE AND BIGOT GROUPS.
3:45 PM to 4:15 PM: George Schuyler, well known Negro writer...
Subject: COMMUNISM AND THE AMERICAN NEGRO.
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM: Elizabeth Bentley...Subject: SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INFILTRATION.
5:15 PM : Adjournment.

SUNDAY, February 6, 1949

9:30 AM to 10:10 AM: Rabbi Benjamin Schultz of The American Jewish League Against Communism, Inc., Subject: COMMUNISM IN THE DANGEROUS FIELD.
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM: Colonel Richard Hirsch, formerly with Military Intelligence, Subject: THE COLD WAR AND WHAT IT MEANS.
11:10 AM to 12:00 N : Dr. J. B. Matthews, former Chief Investigator for the House UnAmerican Activities Committee...
Subject: STALINISM ON OUR CAMPUSES.
12:00 N to 1:15 PM: Noon Recess.
1:15 PM to 2:00 PM: John McDowell, former Congressman from Pennsylvania,
Subject: THE HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ITS NECESSITY.
2:10 PM to 3:10 PM: Benjamin Mandel, Director of Research, House UnAmerican Activities Committee...Subject: THE COMMUNITY PPOGPAM.
3:15 PM to 4:00 PM: Samuel M. Birnbaum, Judge Advocate of The Department of New York American Legion...Subject: LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNIST PROBLEM.
4:00 PM to 4:15 PM: T. C. Kirkpatrick of "Counter Attack."
4:20 PM to 5:00 PM:
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~~PEOPLES LOBBY FOR PEACE.~~ Dr. ~~KIRTLEY F. MATHER~~, Harvard University professor, astronomer, and Chairman of the ~~ONE WORLD CONGRESS~~, has declared war on the "cold war". The Harvard star-gazer, who can also boast of twenty-five or more citations or references of connections with Communist front organizations in Appendix IX of the House Un-American Activities Committee, called for a world-wide mobilization of a "people's lobby for peace" to assemble in Paris some time next year. COUNTER-ATTACK, the anti-Communist weekly newsletter has made several references during the past year to Prof. MATHER'S alleged pro-Communist fronting.

~~ALL MY SONS.~~ This play, which can hardly be called inspirational or patriotic, was banned by U. S. military authorities in Germany as unsuitable for showing to American G.I.s. This did not deter one of the major tobacco companies from sponsoring it as a radio show a month ago. The whole radio set-up is reliably reported as being plagued by an infiltration of Comraes; Capitalistic sponsors and top-notch advertising agencies as well as booking agents, until recently not being interested, have given little attention to background of persons who appear on their programs over the air. It is notorious that Communists favor each other and open up spots of this type to other party members and sympathizers carefully blacklisting anti-Communists and patriotic elements. It is equally well known that all well paid Communist actors, entertainers, and others make heavy kick-backs to the party. Radio programs are paid out of the profits of the sale of goods or services to the general public. Ergo, YOU are indirectly financing the Communist Party of the U.S.A. when you buy anything whatever from advertisers who employ well paid Communists on their radio programs.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

The four most significant developments on the world Communist front during the past month in order of importance have been China, the Whittaker Chambers "pumpkin" microfilms, the Berlin election, and the C.I.O. Convention in Portland, Oregon. All have been fairly well covered in the public press except for certain unknown angles and such comment and interpretation as may be indicated. The Chinese debacle amounting to abandonment of a wartime ally is undoubtedly the high water mark of success of a highly placed clique of pro-Soviet appeasers insinuated into the State Department fifteen years ago. It also marks perhaps for the first time in history the defeat and destruction of a country whose freedom and independence was guaranteed by another protecting power through the newly developed technique of "treason from within" or infiltration of the foreign policy making agency of the protecting power. The "Open Door" in China has been an American Far Eastern Monroe Doctrine since the turn of this century. The history of American diplomacy, at least prior to 1935 or 1936, has been to block all power grabs aimed at vast and inchoate China.

The United States went to war with Japan and sacrificed two hundred thousands of our comrades in the long and bloody Pacific war to prevent Nippon from slicing off what we considered strategic parts of northern China. As Counterattack so succinctly pointed out, "What did we fight the Pacific war for at all?" Did Americans die horribly and needlessly from Makin to Iwo Jima and Okinawa merely to hand China over to Stalin? What price Bataan Death March, Corregidor, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Leyte and a thousand other bloody beachheads and jungle battles, the staggering naval losses from Pearl Harbor to the Straits of Suragao, the years of imprisonment and horrors of Japanese camps and all that go to make up the fearful price we paid in suffering and death, to say nothing

of money expended? The Chambers-Hiss espionage disclosures are now arousing in the minds of our gold star families the awful suspicion that the machinations of high level State Department officials may very well nullify the sacrificed lives of their loved ones.

World Communists have been neither slow nor backward in recognizing the full significance of the Communist gains in China. Foster and other American Communist leaders cabled their warmest congratulations to the China Communists. European Communists leaders crowed their elation over the fact that their world party was about to take over one of the World's strategic areas with a population of roughly four hundred millions. J. RAYMOND WALSH, WACA radio commentator and veteran sponsor of Commy fronts, speaking before a wildly applauding meeting of the COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY, another Communist front, summed up Communist exultation in the following words:

"All honors and respect to the Communists who are leading the Chinese Revolution. (great applause) We must recognize our identity of interest with that Revolution. (Applause) In six to twelve months when Chiang Kai-Shek is dead in his grave and the Kuomintang is scattered in the rubble of history and the Liberation Forces have taken over China -- and we must recognize them in the United Nations -- and all the colonial areas of Asia have also been liberated, then, when the representative of the Soviet Union in the United Nations rises and says he speaks for more than half of mankind, we Americans will have to hang our heads in shame." (Tremendous applause).

After China comes India and the rest of strategic Southeast Asia. The United States, British Commonwealth and western Europe will find themselves cut off from two thirds of the human race and many vitally important raw products as well as markets on which their economies are dependent. Counterattack reported the Communist audience as beaming and glowing with satisfaction as their life dream of a Soviet world seemed appreciably advanced by the knifing and betrayal of China. Communists are cynical realists. They know where and how the future of the world is being decided.

General Wedemeyer's report to the State Department on China after returning to this country has never been published. Why? Another unpublished

document which may soon see the light of day is a letter written by General de Gaulle to President Roosevelt after the alleged terms of agreement at Yalta were made public. This letter is said to be an eye-opener on the betrayal of eastern Europe. Mr. Alger Hiss, presently under indictment for perjury and alleged by Whittaker Chambers to have been a highly placed Soviet agent in the State Department was an "advisor" at Yalta. Mr. Hiss during the years he was in the State Department allegedly set up new "empires" embracing some 600 additional employees. Trustworthy and trained intelligence officers in charge of Security were eased out and replaced by non-entities or unknowns devoid of a single days investigative or intelligence background. And they wonder how literally hundreds if not thousands of top secret and secret documents were stolen right under the noses of the very highest officials!

In the hushed up and now almost forgotten ~~AMERASIA~~ case (see PLAIN TALK October 1946) no less than 600 pilfered State Department documents were found by the F. B. I. in one New York office alone where they were being microfilmed for shipment to Russia. Significantly many of these documents dealt with secret Chinese matters including disposition of Nationalist divisions and future plans disclosed in confidence to our military leaders, all of which were naturally of inestimable value to the Chinese Communists then confined to a very small area of that vast country. As Pearl Harbor so grievously and tragically demonstrated -- high level espionage pays off in military victories.

The Attorney General of the U.S. has now announced that his Dept. of Justice is working on "stricter spy laws". This, of course, is locking the barn door after the calf is stolen. "Stricter" spy laws on the books will mean little or nothing if enforcement depends on individuals who have already demonstrated their utter incapacity to prosecute spies. The Prime Minister of Canada on September 28, 1945 handed President Truman a list of thirty-six Soviet

spies operating in this country as uncovered by Russian cables filed at Ottawa and turned over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by Igor Gouzenko. This list was given to the Department of Justice which presumably ordered the F.B.I. to investigate. Indications are that the efficient F.B.I. must have done something with the list in over three years. Not a single Soviet spy has ever been arrested in this country either as result of the Canadian spy trials, the Chambers-Bentley disclosures, the Grand Jury at New York, or as result of other breaks. NOT ONE LONE SOLITARY SOVIET SPY.

The American public is therefore left to infer that there never were any Soviet spies operating in this country. Or secondly that the F.B.I. was too butter-fingered to catch even one. Third alternative, that there were spies, that the F.B.I. did its job but that some one in the Justice Department decided they could not win a single case and therefore took it upon itself to nolle prosequere. Fourth and only other alternative to this riddle as to why Uncle Sam can't catch Soviet spies while Canada, England and every other country apparently knows how, is that the State Department under advice of predecessors to General Marshall decided it might exacerbate our delicate relations with Russia and needlessly rile up very sensitive and touchy Mr. Stalin. There is something rotten somewhere and it is not in the state of Denmark.

It must be self-evident to even a child that until you convict and imprison your first Communist spy there is no evidence or legal proof of Communist espionage. The courts recognize only convictions sustained through all courts of appeal. A thousand Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentleys can testify to Communist espionage from now to the end of time and its still not legal proof. Any they can be sued for slander or libel if they utter their allegations outside of Congressional committee immunity, as Chambers is presently being sued by Hiss for \$75,000 on grounds of slander. And the Communists exult

in their papers that the charges that they are foreign agents and spies is a vicious slander because not a single Communist has ever been arrested on grounds of espionage. "If we are Soviet spies why hasn't the F.B.I. arrested us?" is their taunt.

The whole sordid story of Soviet espionage in this country as a form of Stalinist "reverse lend lease" for eleven billion dollars worth of critical war supplies, has been lowered to the gutter of political recrimination and petty bickering. President Truman, who apparently takes his advice on this question so vitally important to national security from politicians and not from informed military intelligence officers, still thinks the whole business is "red herring" and cheap political stunt by a "dead committee." It is heartening to report, however, that the nation's entire press and radio, except for the extreme left wing, quickly and vigorously took issue with him over his curious attitude. Even the leftish NEW REPUBLIC which consistently defends Communists, attacks the House Un-American Activities committee and demands its abolition, denounces President Truman's loyalty check program, and which "on principle" is opposed to all forms of "witch-hunting" had this to say last week:

"It would be nice if we could sidestep the whole nasty mess simply by kicking the House committee around. But the evidence indicates that State Department documents were really stolen. There are now facts which Alger Hiss must explain. Thus the slow-moving Justice Department has itself to blame if it seems always to be prodded by the publicity-snatching committee. The facts must come out and they are ugly."

In a democracy such as ours no nasty mess can ever be permanently hushed up. Murder will out and the American public three and a half years after Canada sent its spies to prison has a right to know all the facts so vital to their security.

The Berlin election which went 87% against the Communists merely shows that Germans despite terror, the Red Army, and every means of pressure have seen enough of Communism close at hand to want no part of it and are willing literally to risk their necks to keep what shreds of democratic freedom they have been able to achieve in that ruined country. Europe, however, is temporarily a Russian side show, the Berlin blockade and all the other furore stirred up there by the Bear That Walks Like a Man were mere diversionary shows to concentrate attention and anxiety away from Asia. The next moves on the red chessboard will probably be soon uncorked in the Middle and Near East.

Equally interesting as a study of Communist psychology and colossal audacity is the official line on the pending trial of twelve indicted leaders. Communists are quick to take advantage of every letter of the law in harrassing and bedevilling their enemies as well as squeezing out the last drop of legal protection when caught in any sort of difficulty. For example, while thousands of undesirable non-Communist aliens were deported last year, there is no record of a single Communist having been deported although some sixty-six were picked up and slated for deportation over sixteen months ago. The C.P. line on the trial is simply one of non-recognition of the competence of American courts to try them on this particular indictment. The very indictment itself is not even called a "frame-up" but by Communist definition is in itself an indictment of the whole rotten capitalist-bourgeois system. Their line in typical Marxist double talk goes like this.

A Protestant minister could not possibly get a fair trial in Franco Spain. A Catholic priest would be a fool to go to trial in a southern Ku Klux Klan ridden area. A Russian Jew accused of ritual murder by a Czarist court was obviously doomed when he walked into court. The very charge against him was an

indictment of the bigotry and superstition of the Russian judicial system. The very charge against the twelve C.P. leaders is likewise an indictment in itself and the heart of the whole frame-up. Not only are all Communists ipso facto innocent and pure of heart but any court proceeding against them by that very fact proves its own guilt of outrageous frame-up. "CALL OFF THE TRIAL, LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL" is the demand of the DAILY WORKER.

WHAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE SAYING AND DOING

The monthly analysis of space assignment in the Communist press, a unique feature offered only by this Summary as far as we know, shows some significant and interesting shifts in emphasis. The following analysis as previously stated is based on roughly forty-five issues of the DAILY WORKER, WORKER, ILLINOIS STANDARD, and NW edition of the PEOPLES WORLD formerly the NEW WORLD, now defunct. The New York indictments, Denver and Los Angeles arrests, N.Y. Grand Jury spy hearings, and attempted deportations of Communists now heads the list with items of union interest, strikes, and C.P. unions in trouble next in order of importance. The C.P. program, activities, and personalities has jumped from sixth to fourth place with Wallace and election news now out of the way. Attacks on the C.I.O., A.F.L., both major political parties and business in general has jumped from 13th to 3rd place of importance as a result of the rat extermination drive now going on in the C.I.O. C.P. fronts and frontiers in last position last month has risen to ninth place largely as a result of heavy space donated to the comings and goings of Dean Hewlett Johnson who received probably half of this space assignment. Attacks on anti-Communists, informers, the F.B.I., Congressional, and state committees is rated by the Communists as fifth in order of importance.

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Individuals picked out for vilification in the DAILY WORKER as high on the Communist hate list for the month were: Forrestal, Philip Murray, John Foster Dulles, Madame Chiang Kai Shek, Joseph Curran, Michael Quill, and Dr. Ralph Bunche, American Negro representative on the United Nations. Whole columns were devoted to anguished moans over the rough treatment meted out to the Stalinists at the C.I.O. National

Convention. All Communists and their numerous sympathizers are warned to contact their Congressmen before January 1st and demand abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Say what you will about the treasonable role of Stalinists and their odious activities in this country, it cannot be denied that they enliven and add color to the Kings English. For sheer polished English and piquancy we refer our readers to page three of the November 23rd DAILY WORKER where Benjamin DAVIS, New York Councilman, holds forth on the alleged assault of a private detective-housebreaker on the daughter of Communist ROBERT THOMPSON. Bitterly assailing the N.Y. police for their alleged lack of interest in the case, DAVIS contributes the following gems of colorful and elegant English: "Degenerate, revolting, depraved scum, beast and assassin, reactionary troubadors of red-baiting, murderous, savagery, human beasts and assassins, monsters, silk hat conspiracy, Hitlerite outrages, and criminal degenerates."

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is deeply shocked by the conversion of her namesake, Elizabeth Bentley, to Catholicism by Monsg. Fulton J. Sheen. She vilifies him in these terms: "This missionary is far removed from the workaday priest who visits the sick, performs marriages and baptisms, and officiates at funerals. He is a matinee idol, with a crooning radio voice, tall, dark and handsome, with burning eyes, attired in theatrically colorful robes of silk and lace. No dirty work of informer or stool pigeon is beyond the shriving of Monsignor Sheen. Apparently no sin is too great to be forgiven. All of Sheen's converts are now as pure as the driven snow once he has shepherded them into the ranks of the Catholic Church. Is there no investigation committee, no check on such characters and their colossal fabrications? .. You can do any low-down dirty, contemptible, turncoat, stool pigeon action, despised of honest people -- but Monsignor Sheen loves you and saves you. Surely such performances are an insult to good Catholic people who take their religion seriously."

La Flynn then goes on to suggest a new Saints Day to be known as "All Stoolpigeons' Day" with Judas as a patron saint and Monsgr. Sheen mustering his army of coverts for a solemn march down Fifth Avenue for a Communism Breakfast. — And the Post Office Department blithely passes this sort of tripe through the U.S. Mails!!!

The NEW TIMES published in Russia and admitted to the U.S. Mails continues its attacks on the Vatican and U.S. foreign policy. Its language seldom rises above high grade Billingsgate and is usually in the very best of Zaslavsky style. It is also downgraded to the intellectual level of twelve year old mediocre children as witness the following excerpt from NEW TIMES of Oct. 13.

"It has been said of bourgeois diplomatists that they are given tongues in order to conceal their thoughts and intentions. Diplomacy in the capitalist world serves the interests of the monopoly cliques; it is miles away from the people and hostile to the people. Everything that concerns the real roots of foreign policy is carefully concealed from the common people. The high priests of imperialist diplomacy avoid revealing to the public the mechanism and motive forces of the foreign policy of the ruling classes. Not so Soviet diplomacy. Honest and forthright, it conceals nothing from the people, whose noble aims it serves. Now as in the past, it has nothing to repudiate."

L. Sedin.

The USSR INFORMATION BULLETIN, published in this country on slick paper and attractively illustrated with pictures of smiling, happy, carefree Russians, is tending more and more to straight and undisguised Soviet foreign policy propaganda. In the past its space was largely devoted to refuting the "slanders about Russia" by showing endless pages of paradise like conditions holding forth, so it said, in the Soviet Union. Of late this monthly magazine has devoted increasing space to attacks on U.S. foreign policy and defense of Soviet Union's aggressions. In a recent issue it even went so far as to attack the French Socialist leader LEON BLUM, concentration camp victim of the Nazis, as

a "pro-Fascist". The avowed purpose of the propaganda magazine is to convince skeptical Americans of the truly idyllic conditions of life in Russia. It enjoys cheap U.S. Mail rates.

The Nov. 15 edition of the Cominform newspaper FOR A LASTING PEACE, FOR A PEOPLES DEMOCRACY devoted several columns to reporting and mobilizing further "world communist protests and demonstrations in support of the indicted twelve U.S. Communist leaders." The trial itself is a witch-hunting inquisition and "violation of all democratic principles." "This criminal act of the American imperialists" has been denounced by mass meetings of French and Italian workers, Czech lawyers, British workers, and even Rumanian factory hands. "The whole progressive world is denouncing the attempt of the new U.S. Goerings to smash their political opponents."

A "gigantic Freedom Crusade to demand payment of election promissory notes on civil rights legislation" is promised by the Commies on January 18 when thousands of the faithful will descend once more on Washington for a mass demonstration. ~~A~~ "National Civil Rights Legislative Conference" will be held in Washington on the 17th. One hundred and fifty notables sponsored the conference which will be addressed by progressive Senators and Congressmen. The conference, mass meeting, and demonstration will demand anti-lynching, anti-poll tax, and F.E.P.C. legislation, the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Taft-Hartley Act, and dismissal of the indictments against twelve C.P. leaders. Among the "150 notables" sponsoring the Conference and mass meeting are;

~~ALBERT EINSTEIN~~

~~PROF. FREDERICK SCHUMAN~~

~~CAREY HOWILLIAMS~~

~~LESLIE H. BUCKLER~~, Univ. of Virginia Law School

and a long list of well known C.P. fronters and perennial signers of C.P. inspired petitions, calls, etc.

COMMUNISM IN THE ARTS, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, Etc.

There are few gains or advances to be reported against Stalin's Fifth Column in education, arts, religion, or cultural fields. At the risk of over-generalization the situation might be summed up by saying that while the labor movement, particularly in the C.I.O., continues to clean house and to oust Communists from positions of influence, there have been few comparable gains against the Stalinists in the very important fields which mold and affect public opinion.

Fred Woltman of the N.Y. World-Telegram revealed that the U.S. Army and Air Force's \$10,000 a week radio show, entitled ~~"THEATRE USA"~~ had several pinkos on its program. Under pressure of public protest the Army quickly replied that it did not select personnel for the radio show. This had been done for them by ~~ANTA, AMERICAN NATIONAL THEATRE and ACADEMY~~, chartered by Congress and having no Communist record whatsoever. There are a number of known Communists and notorious fellow travellers on various radio shows. No one seems to care. The advertising agencies, booking agents, radio stations, and others take the attitude that as long as the public does not protest who are they to "inquire into a man's politics." Oddly enough as few as twenty or thirty letters of protest to a radio network have proven highly effective in eliminating an undesirable Communist from the air -- the Stalinist's "politics", civil, economic, and other rights cutting no ice at all when their own popularity rating and listening audience was threatened by unfavorable publicity and mass protests.

The only change on the Hollywood front is another victory for Stalin's caviar and swimming pool proletarians. ~~LESTER COLE~~, mark well this name, \$1350.00 a week writer for MGM and ousted from the industry because he had been cited for

contempt by Congress had a lucky break when he drew Federal Judge LEON YANKWICH as trial jurist. Not only did COLE win his re-instatement case hands down but Judge YANKWICH ordered MGM to pay COLE \$75,000 in back wages. His Honor then "threw the book" as the expression goes not at a Commy under indictment for contempt of Congress but at Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Producers Association. In what the N.Y. Times reported as "an extraordinary half hour denunciation", - YANKWICH is reported by the Times to have identified Johnston with Cotton Mather, Colonial Salem witch hunter, Cromwell who ordered the massacre at Drogheda, and other unpleasant characters of history. His learned judgeship found that Johnston had been "dogmatic, doctrinaire, and absolutist."

Perhaps Judge YANKWICH can find legal ways and means by which to compel three and a half million Legionnaires and their families and friends to go to movies they don't want to see in order to make sure that LESTER COLE, mark well this name, can earn \$1,350 a week.

In New York Alfred Kohlberg of the American Jewish League Against Communism charged that New York public schools were being used after hours for childrens' classes conducted by the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER. The IWO has been cited as subversive by two U.S. Attorneys General, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and several state agencies. While the classes ostensibly were organized to teach Hebrew literature and Jewish traditions it was charged that under IWO tutelage the children were indoctrinated in atheism and Communist party line ideas. As could be expected the IWO screamed that the whole business was "an unfounded attack and gross violation of freedom of education, freedom of thought, and freedom of belief."

COMMUNISTS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

American Communists suffered one of their greatest reverses at the recent C.I.O. convention. The C.I.O. since its very conception has always been the darling of the Communists. Many C.I.O. unions today powerful and well-financed owed their infancy care and upbringing largely to Stalinists. "Fearful Phil" Murray, who for the past two years has been conducting a timid, creeping offensive against the Muscovites in the C.I.O. which he heads, at last throw off all caution and really sailed into the Comrades. Glum and crushed, the Commies bitterly denounced the convention as "The Meatgrinder." GEORGE MORRIS, who handles labor matters in the DAILY WORKER groaned out:

"For hypocrisy and cynicism the 10th Convention of the C.I.O. has no second in American labor annals. We have heard of all sorts of unionism, company unionism, Taft-Hartley unionism, etc. But I perceived a new variety at the C.I.O. convention -- buzzard unionism. The buzzards were as thick as flies there. They seemed happy at the prospect of carrion."

"Buzzards" is merely MORRIS's definition of an anti-Communist.

Observers present at the convention were inclined to give Walter Reuther, George Baldanzi, Phil Nieve, Joe Curran, Mike Quill and other bitter anti-Communists greatest credit for the drive against the Stalinists. Day after day the Commies who love to dish out abuse and vilification but are not too sweet at taking it, sat glum and stumped as the steamroller crunched and rumbled back and forth across the corpse of their C.I.O. hopes. Only MATLES of the UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO, and MACHINE WORKERS had the nerve to get up and utter a thinly veiled threat. The C.P. line of destroying without compunction unions and organizations slipping from their control was paraphrased by MATLES as follows: "Don't mistake this attitude of our union for a sign of weakness that we do not have or are afraid to use the weapons of destruction if we are convinced we have to use them to protect the integrity

of our organizations." Otherwise no official C.P. organ has as yet given any inkling as to its future course in the C.I.O. It is directly counter to all Marxist-Leninist strategy for Communists ever to secede from or allow themselves to be isolated from the main body of the organized labor movement. That the eleven or twelve C.I.O. Communist-controlled unions will withdraw and set up a third federation of labor is therefore extremely unlikely.

The Communists themselves while stunned and glum did not feel themselves permanently defeated. Temporary reverses are shrugged off as temporary inconveniences. What the C.I.O. convention leaders and delegates did not understand is precisely what so few Americans understand about Communism — they may be knocked down, trampled on, humiliated, utterly discredited, and apparently knocked out for good but they always come back. A dynamic fanaticism of this sort obviously requires a greater counter fanaticism and eternal struggle to keep them down. Simply to defeat Communists and then to forget about them and return to other pursuits and interests is suicide.

In the C.I.O. UNITED AUTO WORKERS and other unions where they were badly beaten a year or two ago the Communists are slowly but surely re-establishing their roots among the workers in the locals. Like MacArthur, their slogan always remains "We'll come back!" Only former Communists or those who have been closely associated with Commies for years, understand the problem of dealing with such tireless, fanatical Fifth Columnists. Curran of the NMU, for example, is ruthlessly purging over a hundred leading Stalinists out of that strategic maritime union. He is not concerned with their "rights", whether they can find other employment, or the niceties of "live and let live". Communists in control of unions are utterly merciless in framing, expelling, and starving their enemies.

Their evil Asiatic philosophy is coming home to roost in the very union they created, the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION. Some of those whose books were picked up and who were physically thrown out on the streets recently were Communists who during the past two or three years tried in Commy kangaroo courts and expelled their closest comrades and friends. These expelled Communists are now the ones booting out their former pals. Dog eat dog.

Stalin's loyal followers in the TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION have also taken a bad beating. Here "Red Mike" Quill, who broke with the party about a year ago, has been fighting a bitter uphill battle against his erstwhile cronies and comrades. The long battle, often breaking out into pitched fist fights at local meetings, has been raging all summer and fall. The TWU convention at Chicago was a complete rout of the Stalinists. A new constitution was adopted barring union office to Communists. The National Executive Board was purged of sixteen leading Stalinists, twenty international representatives who leaned towards Moscow for inspiration lost their \$400 a month jobs, \$12,000 per annum counsel HARRY SACHER was fired, and even the lowly office help down to the last little Commy girl typist got the axe. Not even the UNITED AUTO WORKERS or NMU could match the thorough housecleaning by the iron broom of the triumphant right wing. Fourteen years of knuckling down under ruthless and cynical Communist dictatorship had left little of the milk of human kindness in the breasts of TWU unionists. Unionists who have felt the lash of Communist economic terrorism across their backs are not likely to indulge in wishy-washy, namby-pamby sentimentalism so characteristic of middle class liberals.

MOSCOW WINS IN NEWSPAPER GUILD

The annual election of the ~~NEWSPAPER GUILD~~ of New York, heavily infiltrated with Stalinists, returned to office the whole right wing slate.

Henry Moscow of the N.Y. Post a staunch anti-Communist won the presidency -- a double blow for the comrades. The right wing UNITY ticket swamped the Stalinists by a two to one majority.

The Portland Convention of the C.I.O. also cleaned up another Communist nest in New York, the malodorous GREATER NEW YORK CIO COUNCIL, controlled by the C.P. for years. A long investigation, charges of Communist control, bitter internal C.I.O. wrangling, and finally convention action ended the existence of this Moscow-appendage. By a 35 to 5 vote the National Executive Board of the C.I.O. found the N.Y. Council guilty of "slavish adherence to the line and dictates of the Communist Party" and ordered its charter taken up. Practically all right wing unions had already abandoned the Council. True to their invariable practice in such situations, the Communists left little when they moved out of the Council's four room office suite. Some battered office furniture and fixtures valued at \$291 were all that right wing C.I.O. auditors found to match against \$10,000 in debts.

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OTHER C.P. ACTIVITIES, FRONTS, & MISCELLANEOUS

In 1945 Canada showed that it was not afraid of the Big Bad Wolf by trying and sending to prison eleven leading Communist spies in that country including a member of Parliament. The Red Dean of Canterbury landed in Canada but he made no seditious talks there -- only in the United States by grace of our State Department. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive President of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, cited as a subversive organization by the Attorney General, recently flew to Canada presumably on the same sort of business as brought the Red Dean to this country. Did the Canadian equivalent of our State Department welcome him with open arms? They did. Mounties met Mr. Patterson as he stepped from his plane --

next stop the jail for twelve hours of strict imprisonment. PATTERSON was released on \$500 bond with strict injunction not to speak or carry on any activities whatever in Canada. He appeared at a CIVIL RIGHTS rally with a handkerchief tied over his mouth. A few days later the Canucks dumped him unceremoniously back on U.S. soil -- without apologies. This sort of direct and courageous action by our northern neighbor must cause Americans to wonder what is wrong with the backbones, if any, of our responsible State and Immigration officials, when confronted with the identical problem of undesirable foreign visitors, spies, and deportable aliens.

~~WOMENS INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION~~

This world-wide front of Communist Women for some obscure reason received practically no publicity in the U.S. press when it held its Second Post-War Conference a few weeks ago in Budapest. About 25 ~~CONGRESS OF AMERICAN WOMEN~~ delegates headed by ~~MURIEL DRAPER~~ and ~~ELLA WINTER~~ told the other ladies some hair-raising tales of life under the terror of American Gestapo repression. Even Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in her column had to admit that "the American delegates painted a picture of life in the U.S. that would astonish many of their friends." Miss DRAPER no doubt horrified her lady listeners when she told them that "our members are losing their jobs, are being dragged (by the hair?) before investigation committees, threatened with imprisonment and deportation, and in general subjected to intimidation." One hundred thousand Hungarian women Communists later paraded with torches through Budapest's main streets. When they passed the U.S. Legation they shrilled: "The United States wants war -- down with American war-mongers!"

AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE BOOTS OUT COMMUNISTS

Cleveland was recently the scene of another bad Stalinist reverse. The AVC finally grew up and apparently decided that the black eye and loss of

membership it was suffering as result of tolerating Communists in their organization, was not worth the little that the Commies donated to the AVC. LABOR ACTION, a splinter Trotskyite paper claimed that AVC's one hundred thousand membership of last year had dwindled to twenty thousand as a result of internal bickering. Both Trotskyite wings seemed to be deeply interested in the AVC convention and devoted pages of coverage to it. The Socialist CALL and NEW LEADER also gave the convention columns of coverage. The fight to clean out the Communists had been cut and dried long before the convention by the elimination by trial and expulsion of the lone Stalinist on the National Planning Board and the temporary suspension of thirteen large New York area chapters with a 1000 delegate vote representation at the convention.

~~The~~ NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNION LABOR LEGIONNAIRES has quietly changed its name as well as leadership. It is now the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNION LABOR VETERANS and open to all soldiers of all wars including allies who hold union cards. The Americanism Division welcomes any printed material and other information which Legionnaires may acquire on the NCULV.

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The dependability of the Winchell broadcasts was recently demonstrated when Walter rattled off that "most of the staff of the House Un-American Activities committee have already been fired." The Research Specialist called the next day and was unable to find a single person gone. A month later they were still all there.

The Socialist CALL reports a supersecret meeting recently held at the Hotel Capitol in New York. Some "seventy-five carefully selected people were personally invited by special admission card signed by A. A. Heller and checked at the door." A. A. Heller is a wealthy, former Communist and financial angel of EARL BROWDER. Browder was reportedly the only speaker at the hush-hush conference. Is the Earl of 13th Street staging a mysterious come-back?

G. L. K. SMITH has filed a one million dollar libel suit against the Wichita, Kansas BEACON for calling him a "Communist".

ARTHUR TERMINIELLO, former Catholic priest and self-styled "Father Coughlin of the South" won a Supreme Court review decision recently. Terminiello had been arrested in Chicago in 1946 for incendiary remarks made at CHRISTIAN VETERANS OF AMERICA rally. A near riot occurred outside the meeting hall when bricks, stench bombs and other missiles were hurled. The Illinois Appellate Court affirming his conviction and \$100 fine termed the ex-priest a "professional agitator." Terminiello contended that his right of free speech had been violated and impaired.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO COMBAT SUBVERSION

1. Write and get your friends to write your Congressmen to strengthen and maintain the Un-American Activities Committee. It may need some cleaning up -- it would be much better if it were a joint House-Senate Committee -- BUT the fact still remains that at present it is the only agency which can ferret out and expose subversive activities or elements before an individual is actually brought to trial.

The F. B. I.'s files are strictly secret and confidential. The Department of Justice hesitates to try anyone unless it has an airtight case. Only in a Congressional Committee do the people have that warning light, that "ounce of prevention" that's "worth a pound of cure". Write! Write! Write! -- The Commies and their dupes are laying down a letter barrage seeking to cut down the Committee. Are you less interested in your United States than they?

2. **** See that your Department and your governor send accredited representatives to one of the

SUBVERSIVE

ACTIVITIES

AREA

CONFERENCES

Here's the schedule for such conferences:

New York City

February 5 - 6

Indianapolis

February 12 - 13

Birmingham

February 19 - 20

San Francisco

February 26 - 27

This is the purpose: to bring authentic information about subversive movements, tactics and individuals to trained Legion and Legislative representatives with suggestions on counter attack in their own States.

These persons will be eligible: 3 - 5 officials from each Legion Department, certified by Department Headquarters, and accepted by National; 3 - 5 representatives from each State Legislature, appointed by the governor or members of a State Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, and accepted by Legion National Headquarters.

These meetings will be long, serious work sessions. They are closed to the "press". Your Department Headquarters will have further information.

3. Inform yourself fully about the American Way of Life, then fight for it!!!

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DLR*

DATE: February 17, 1949

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

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Miss Gandy	

This morning I received a telephone call from Miss Thomas, Peyton Ford's secretary, who requested information as to whether I knew when Miles Kennedy, National Vice Chairman of Legislation of the American Legion, would arrive in Washington. I stated that he had called me earlier this morning and advised that he had arrived and was preparing his material for a conference with Messrs. Ford and Campbell tomorrow. Miss Thomas then stated that both Mr. Ford and Mr. Campbell were unexpectedly called out of the city and it was doubtful whether they could hold the conference. I suggested to her that she get in touch with Mr. Kennedy at National Headquarters of the Legion here in Washington.

Miss Thomas subsequently phoned my office and stated that Mr. Ford's office had been in touch with Mr. Kennedy and that Mr. Ford was leaving the city at 3 P.M. today. She stated Mr. Ford suggested to Mr. Kennedy that Kennedy call on his assistant, Mr. Brown, and Kennedy informed Mr. Ford that his instructions were to see Mr. Ford personally and that he would be back in Washington in approximately ten days.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None - informative

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TO : Mr. Ladd *LMC*

DATE: February 14, 1949

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

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You will recall at the time the National Commander of the American Legion Perry Brown met the Director there was considerable discussion relative to the Legion's backing of the Mundt-Nixon Bill. As a result of that discussion a memorandum was sent to the Attorney General relative to Legion officials having a discussion with him concerning any Communist Legislation which would be acceptable to both the Department and the Legion. The Attorney General replied to the Bureau memorandum stating the discussion should be had with Peyton Ford and Alexander Campbell.

On February 11, 1949, I received a telephone call from Assistant National Adjutant Leonce Legendre requesting that I make arrangements with Mr. Peyton Ford's office for a discussion to be had on the subject Friday February 18, 1949 with Miles Kennedy, National Vice Chairman of the Legislation on Americanism Bills.

I thereafter phoned Peyton Ford's office and in his absence talked to Miss Thomas, his secretary. This morning Miss Thomas advised me that Mr. Ford would be very glad to discuss the subject of Anti-Communist Legislation next Friday with Mr. Kennedy and he would have Mr. Campbell present. I relayed this information to Assistant National Adjutant Legendre.

*Mr. Pennington
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participate*

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Clyde Tolson

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TO : Director, FBI

AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION SEMINAR ON COMMUNIST
ACTIVITIES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

B. B. Gardner

The Bureau has probably already been advised that the Sub-Committee on Subversive Activities of the American Legion is conducting a series of two-day seminars on Communist Party Activities in New York City on February 5 and 6; at Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 12 and 13; at Birmingham, Alabama, on February 19 and 20; and at San Francisco, California, on February 26 and 27.

At the Indianapolis seminar on February 12 and 13, this office is advised by Mr. TOM SAWYER, National Chairman of the Americanism Commission, that Legion representatives have been invited from midwest American Legion Posts.

This office has received one inquiry from the Cincinnati Office inasmuch as a National Academy graduate and possibly other police officers from cities within the jurisdiction of that office have been invited to attend. A representative of the Indianapolis Police Department who is also a member of the American Legion it is understood is also expected to attend.

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This office is also advised that among persons who will address the seminar are BENJAMIN GITLOW, ELIZABETH BENTLEY and a number of others. Mr. SAWYER has advised that this seminar is not only for the purpose of pointing up the menace of Communism but also if possible to consider some constructive ways of combating it. He states that particularly at the San Francisco seminar it is expected that Mr. JACK KENNY and DICK COMBS will participate. Mr. KENNY has headed a legislative committee in the State of California investigating un-American activities, and it is hoped that some means of extending the investigation of un-American activities by legislative committees to other states might ensue. Likewise it is hoped if possible to discuss some methods of legislating against Communism on a state level.

Mr. SAWYER also stated the Legion would be glad to have one or more Bureau representatives attend any or all sessions of the seminar. No representative from this office will attend unless the Bureau advises to the contrary.

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Mrs. Harold S. Burdett
105 Lincoln Road
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Dear Mrs. Burdett:

I have received your letter of February 3, 1949. In response to your request it is a pleasure to give my permission for the use of excerpts from my testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, March 26, 1947, in the dramatic script being prepared for a radio broadcast by your organization. It was very thoughtful of you to offer to make this script available to me prior to the broadcast.

Sincerely yours,

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February 3rd, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The American Legion Auxiliary has been concentrating this year particularly on the work of our Americanism Committee. We are planning to do a broadcast based on the infiltration of Communism in this country and methods of combating it.

Your speech on "The Menace of Communism" has provided us with some very fine background material, and we should like to use excerpts from it in a dramatic script.

We have been offered a half-hour of public service time by the Mutual Broadcasting System for presenting this program. May we have permission to use excerpts from your speech?

We should be very glad to submit a copy of the script when it is prepared to you for your approval.

As Radio Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, I know that the Auxiliary believes this is a fine opportunity to do a service to our country by presenting these facts to such a large audience on a coast-to-coast network.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible in this matter. Please address any communication to me at my address, given above, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

I am,

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy and consideration,

Elizabeth A. Burdett
MRS. H. S. BURDETT

Sincerely yours,

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TO ALL READERS OF THE SUMMARY

With this issue you will find enclosed the first cumulative index covering the years 1947 and 1948. Its compilation involved considerable time and expense. Its value must be self-evident. Of late, several Legionnaires, making expensive long distance calls to Washington for information, could have saved telephone tolls had they been subscribers to this Summary and had merely saved their back numbers. Despite almost two years publicity and favorable mention in the National Commander's article in HOW YOU CAN FIGHT COMMUNISM in last August's issue of the magazine, many Legionnaires are still apparently unfamiliar with this monthly Summary or have but little idea of how to utilize it.

Frankly speaking, the present circulation is far from satisfactory, even though the Summary was placed on a subscription basis almost a year ago and is now available to any Legionnaire at \$3.00 per year. Every Legion paper should be on our subscription list. Legion papers should adapt the material contained to their local use. The Summary is not copyrighted and all material in it is available for quotation or reproduction without any formality. This publication is, as the title indicates, a summary, a digest. The material digested each month in this Summary comes from almost 200 issues of some fifty different newspapers, newsletters, magazines and other periodicals, as well as from original news gathered at New York and Washington by our Research Specialist. The total subscription cost for all the publications digested runs into several hundred dollars, if purchased first hand.

Therefore, with the start of the New Year we want to ask every reader to boost and advertise the Summary in his Department and District. Ask your local Legion paper why it does not carry items from the Summary. Ask large posts to put it on their reading tables. Communism and effective counter-subversive measures and activities are the hot issue of the day. This Summary brings you the news of the field "in a nutshell", but it isn't worth the great amount of time we're putting into its preparation unless it gets wider circulation, unless it is put to work. ----- What can you do to give it wider circulation, greater use in your community???????

THE SPOTLIGHT

A large delegation of "innocent bystanders", members of families of Communists facing deportation, will descend on Washington sometime in February. The AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist front organization, recently held a conference in Chicago to plan ways and means of holding up and quashing deportation proceedings pending against sixty or seventy alien Communists illegally in this country. Some one thought up the smart idea of having wives, children, and other relatives of deportable Communists going to Washington to make a mass protest. Congressman Adolf Sabath of Chicago, Illinois, addressed the ACPFB conference. He is chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE

With the dissolution of the original Federal Grand Jury at New York investigating Communist espionage and the Democratic reorganization of the Congressional Un-American Activities Committee for the 81st Congress, this is an appropriate time briefly to summarize and recapitulate the whole sensational spy disclosures of the past year. Those who attended the Legion's Counter-subversive Seminar in Washington, November 1947, already knew the whole sickening story that was to break eight months later in the public press. Howard Rushmore and Isaac Don Levine told most of the story of rings of Soviet agents in the State Department as well as the story of Mr. Adams' activities in connection with Soviet atomic espionage as far back as 1943.

The House Un-American Activities Committee has now released the second and final volume of espionage hearings held between August and December, 1948. It makes fascinating and disturbing reading.

The first Federal Grand Jury heard testimony for eighteen months and hastily returned a single indictment for perjury against Mr. Alger Hiss during the last day or so of its life. Statutes of limitations barred bringing any other indictments against Mr. Hiss, now President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. A second Grand Jury was quickly convened to continue the probe as a result of the Whittaker Chambers' microfilms which had reposed peacefully for ten years not in a pumpkin but in a clothes closet in a Brooklyn home. The pumpkin was a temporary hiding place only for a day but it unfortunately gave newspaper wits and the Communists something to play with and cast discredit on the nature of the documentary proof of high level State Department spying. The fact that American foreign policy and national security were gravely compromised in the critical years 1937-38 by the theft of these top secret dispatches made little or no impression on the less responsible newsmen. The mere fact that these critical films had been briefly stored in a hollowed out pumpkin reduced the whole story of Soviet espionage to the level of a racy divorce scandal or some other equally trivial and trashy bit of sensationalism.

Despite all efforts to discredit, minimize, or dismiss these Soviet spy disclosures the following irrefutable and ugly facts remain. Soviet spying, conducted on a mass basis heretofore undreamed of by other powers and designed to blanket this country from top secret State Department dispatches to very ordinary military and industrial secrets, goes back at least twenty years. From 1933 onward specially selected and trained agents were infiltrated into certain government agencies. Each cell or unit was rigorously self-contained

and in complete ignorance of any other cells or rings, members of which sometimes worked in the same office unknown to each other. Like amoeba and other low forms of life the cells constantly split up endlessly setting up new secret units and rings.

As previously pointed out in Edna Lonigan's article in Human Events reprinted in the September 1948 Summary, the primary objective of many of these high level agents was not espionage at all but the long range plot to infiltrate into policy-making posts in our Federal government so as to influence policy in behalf of Soviet Russia and to weaken and soften the United States by poisonous advice. There are intelligence officers, members of Congress, and other Washington observers who assert that all such potential quislings have not been uncovered and eradicated from the Federal service. Senator Karl E. Mundt formerly with the House Un-American Activities Committee, stated recently:

"Many of the confusions and contradictions in our recent foreign policy fiascos and the resulting chaotic conditions now existing in Asia and Europe are directly attributable to Soviet-supporting recommendations, proposals, and treachery of State Department representatives."

General Pat Hurley, former Ambassador Bullitt, and other leading Americans, military as well as civilian, have charged for many years that our entire Chinese policy has been sabotaged and poisoned for at least ten years by highly placed but unidentified State Department officials. The ousting of high calibre men like General Pat Hurley, Ambassadors Joseph Grew, Arthur Bliss Lane, A. A. Berle, and others noted for their staunch anti-Communism was as the Communists often phrase it "No Accident."

Another disturbing aspect of the problem has been the fact that very few of those implicated in the espionage disclosures had any open or known Communist connections or background of front activities. Thus their careful selections had completely nullified and by-passed our amateurish system of

clearing loyalty cases merely by running names through various files.

Investigative procedures which because of lack of personnel and time merely checked a subject by openly interviewing his friends, neighbors, and former employers and asking whether he was loyal are hardly likely to catch trained spies. Trained counter-intelligence officers privately admit that the government's whole \$25,000,000 loyalty investigation program is unlikely to turn up any really dangerous people because it consists merely of running the names of all government employees through various files or indices of names of people who have previously had some sort of connection with subversive or doubtful organizations, groups, or movements. Obviously people trained for espionage, high level government infiltration, and other forms of top secret work are selected solely on the basis that their backgrounds are devoid of detectable taint or suspicion.

It was a uniform and monotonous characteristic of practically all those recently summoned for questioning before the House Un-American Activities Committee that they had excellent family backgrounds, were graduates of the Harvard Law school, Phi Beta Kappas, Masters of Arts, and were highly regarded and trusted by some of this country's outstanding citizens and leaders. None, needless to add, had ever read the DAILY WORKER, or been connected with any Communist front organization. Yet most of them despite their impeccable backgrounds, dazzling social connections, claims of unimpeachable loyalty and integrity, and former high positions, refused to answer the simplest questions on constitutional grounds of possible self-incrimination.

Intelligence and security officers who were not already fully aware of what had been going on, were naturally stunned by the Bentley-Budenz-Chambers disclosures. Very few had suspected the magnitude, thoroughness, and high degree of success achieved by the Soviet spy networks in this country. It

revealed moreover the glaring and depressing fact that counter-intelligence in this country is practically non-existent or at best in its nursing bottle infancy.

It is easy to be wise after the event. It is also quite human and natural to find a scapegoat or to blame collective failings on a particular person or group. As a young and pioneering nation safe between two vast oceans, Americans have always been trusting and open-hearted. Spying, treachery, intrigue, and high level duplicity have always been "movie stuff" and luckily confined to far-away Asia or Europe. Deeply rooted Anglo-Saxon mores held that a man (and thus in effect all men) is innocent until proven guilty. We instinctively dislike close-mouthed, suspicious, or secretive people. No good American likes to suspect or impugn the honesty or loyalty of another American -- it's downright Un-American. The spy disclosures therefore have shown nothing more than the melancholy fact that most of our top officials and leading citizens were simply good Americans. They trusted everybody and were congenitally incapable of suspecting evil of anyone, particularly some person highly recommended to them or some one they had known since boyhood.

Treason and sedition are extremely difficult to prove in court under our present laws. Our espionage laws are weak, archaic, and full of holes as every good spy knows. All a careful spy in this country has to do is to operate undetected for three years, -- the statute of limitations. Our own national complacency and indifference makes the United States a spy and traitor's Paradise. Canada promptly and vigorously prosecuted and imprisoned her spies over three years ago. Some Canadian spies drew sentences as high as ten years. Spying is not quite such a cinch up there. In this country, as this Summary has frequently pointed out, NOT A SINGLE SOLITARY SOVIET SPY HAS BEEN EVEN ARRESTED OR PICKED UP FOR QUESTIONING although they apparently stole everything except the Washington

monument during the past fifteen years. No one apparently seems to care or to be very much upset. Lax and indifferent government officials, busy with what they consider "more important" matters, untrained in security and knowing nothing whatever about Communism, subversion, and espionage can hardly be expected to act vigorously and intelligently when mass public opinion itself does not act as a prod.

Authorities now recognize that the theft of certain top secret State Department documents may very well have laid the powder train for the outbreak of World War II costing the lives of twenty-five million people. The classic shift in Soviet policy from unrelenting opposition to Hitler to the overnight announcement of the infamous Ribbentrop-Molotov pact in August, 1939, is now attributed by experts as probably traceable to Soviet espionage in the U. S. State Department. And if it were not for the House Un-American Activities Committee and the courage of Whittaker Chambers and Elizabeth Bentley in exposing this whole gigantic and bizarre plot against our country, the American people would still be completely in the dark on the whole story.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

For the past month many American writers and commentators on foreign affairs have devoted increasing space to the theory that the whole Berlin blockade and "crisis" was merely a Soviet diversionary tactic designed to focus world anxiety away from Russia's next objective and real center of interest -- Asia. This evaluation was first printed in this Summary as long ago as last June and was followed shortly afterwards by Foreign Minister Bevin's warning.

China remains the keypoint in the world strategical picture of the cold war between this country and Soviet Russia. This question is now being

thoroughly covered in the press and will presumably soon be taken up by Congress now that former Ambassador Bullitt has returned to this country. General MacArthur has advised the U.S. Chiefs of Staff that the Chinese seacoast is now the western frontier of the United States and a Communist China means an ultimate attack on the Philippines and Japan.

In private conversations General MacArthur is said to have favored lend-leasing American planes to Nationalist China to blast Communist ammunition dumps and lines of supply. Mao Tze Tung's Red armies are now dangerously over-extended and MacArthur feels that three weeks tactical bombing would completely immobilize and destroy their capacity for offensive.

It will be interesting to observe whether there is now a change in America's do nothing attitude with respect to China under the new Secretary of State, Dean Acheson. Former Ambassador Bullitt has reported that it still is not too late to save China. Chiang Kai Shek's armies control vast areas of China and the line of the Yangtze river can be defended with comparative ease providing only that the Nationalist forces receive adequate military supplies, air cover, and some moral encouragement.

Various legal maneuvers to prevent or stall off the pending trial of twelve Communist leaders seems to be the main occupation of American Communists this month. Some are quite infantile; others show an incredible facility for patient mass research as well as a high order of legal astuteness. One argument for delaying the trials was that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER suffered from a bad heart condition and might die as a result of courtroom strain. The trials of the other eleven would also have to be indefinitely postponed until Mr. Foster's heart improved as he was inextricably involved in the joint defense and would be vitally important as a witness for the other eleven under indictment.

A far more clever idea was one calculated to attract wide public sympathy and perhaps attract judicial recognition. The composition of twenty-eight New York City jury panels comprising 7,487 names and going back to 1940 were analyzed with the alleged finding that executives and men of wealth far outnumbered manual workers, Negroes, Jews, and the very poor. The Communist lawyers claim that while manual workers and poorer section residents made up 55% of the population less than 5% of them were selected for jury duty. They charged, "We shall prove by incontrovertible facts that Wall Street and Park Avenue control the jury system here and have converted it into a conviction machine."

This argument is backed up with pictures of ultra swank apartment houses and hotels where some of the jurors are alleged to live. The amount of work involved in tracing the economic backgrounds and residences of 7,487 people is testimony to the tireless zeal and thoroughness with which Communists pursue their devious objectives. Just prior to the opening of the trial Communist attorneys brazenly demanded that every Federal Judge in the Southern District of New York disqualify himself and that a new judge be brought in from the outside.

WHAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE SAYING AND DOING

The monthly analysis of Communist propaganda is omitted from this issue due to the delayed appearance of the December issue of the Summary. It will be resumed in the next issue. Henry Wallace has practically disappeared from the pages of the Communist press although there are brief and occasional references to the Progressive Party. Heavy space assignments are devoted to the Communists in trouble in New York, Denver, Los Angeles, and elsewhere. A front page DAILY WORKER editorial moans low and tugs at the heartstrings over the desperate plight of Mrs. IRVING BLAU of Denver. Headed "SHE LOVES LIBERTY" the editorial goes on:

"Mrs. IRVING BLAU loves her two kids. She likes to be near them, to hug them and to kiss them, and to put them to bed, just like any American mother in this country. But Mrs. BLAU may not see her kids for a full year. She has been sentenced to jail for one year. Her crime is that she refused to surrender to anti-Communist hysteria and turn stoolpigeon against other American fathers and mothers. She refused to let a witch-hunting grand jury bully her into giving up her American democratic rights to her own political views. She refused to sell her birthright. Mrs. BLAU is the seventh such victim in Denver. Her husband is among the other six.

"These brave people are fighting to keep America free of thought control and political dictation. They are sacrificing their private welfare to their devotion to the United States Constitution. They are acting in the glorious traditions of Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln, and the anti-slave abolitionists who would not be silenced by threats of violence. We urge you to join their fight -- YOUR FIGHT -- wire protests to Pres. Truman. Join the Freedom Crusade in Washington January 17-18 to demand an end to these outrages."

Liberal space is still devoted to following up the conviction and reversal on error of a private detective who invaded ROBERT THOMPSON'S home and allegedly committed indecent exposure before the Communist's seven year old daughter. The D.W. claims "collusion between the Queens District Attorney and Burke, the private detective." Sinister pro-fascist forces are lurking behind this "unparalleled outrage by a degenerate terrorist detective." The whole sordid affair is part of a vast Wall Street warmonger plot of physical terror and violence against the Communist leadership of this country.

The D.W. also is stepping up its attacks on President Truman demanding instant fulfillment of all of the President's campaign promises and a few things he never promised. Resignation of General Marshall as Secretary of State and his replacement by Dean Acheson was called "cat and mouse game playing with the peace of the United States." The President's off the cuff remarks recently in Missouri that certain Russian leaders were favorable towards peace and understanding with the United States was dismissed by the D.W. editorial writer as "dished out

nonsense." The Progressive Party's slogan "End the cold war" should be the cry of the entire nation, the Communist paper adds. "The public should urge Truman to begin immediate negotiations with the Soviet Union as offered by Stalin and Molotov this year."

The official Communist mouthpiece then goes on to develop a familiar psychological warfare theme intended to frighten and weaken the enemy; "you are alone -- you can't win!" We quote,

"The Soviet Union's firm, clear, and simple peace policy is winning the support of the people all over the world. One Presidential advisor after another is returning from Europe and Asia with the same story, 'the people are turning against us,' they say. The people of the world are hungry for peace, only the Wall Street atom bomb war-mongers and profits hungry capitalists are plotting war against the peace-loving Soviet Union. China is already lost to the United States. Whole countries are falling away."

A continuous barrage is zeroed in on Defense Secretary Forrestal, who appears to be the Communist Party's Enemy #1. Philip Murray, Walter Reuther, David Dubinsky, and Cardinal Spellman are also very unpopular with the smear artists of the Communist press, scarcely an issue going out without some form of tirade or vilification attack on these individuals.

THE COMMUNIST POSITION ON VETERANS' BONUSES & PENSIONS

The Communist press, quick to seize upon and exploit popular issues, has been strangely silent on the American Legion's Old Age Pension plan. The Marxist-Leninist line on soldiers' bonuses, pensions, and donatives should be clearly understood by all Legionnaires. The Communists are always in favor of bonuses and other forms of cash gratuities to veterans, particularly if such donatives are likely to place a severe economic strain on an already bad economic situation. On the other hand Communists cannot be expected to show any great

enthusiasm for or even interest in veterans' old age pensions payable twenty or thirty years from now when such pensions obviously would give a sizeable segment of the population a vested interest in the perpetuity of the economic system guaranteeing such old age pensions. In other words veterans are not going to be very receptive to proposals to overthrow and destroy a government and economic system which promises to contribute to their care in their old age.

The Veterans Commission of the Communist Party last year assigned one of its members to explore the whole veterans' situation and to write a party manual on how best to exploit veterans' grievances, radicalize former G.I.s, and turn them into potential allies of the party on certain issues. After spending some time and study on the problem, the Communist charged with this task, came back to report that the veterans of World War II were so thoroughly integrated into the rest of the population, were nearly all employed, or going to school and drawing other G. I. Bill of Rights benefits, that no discernible opening chink for the wedge of discontent and radicalization could be found. The whole project was thereupon dropped except for a limited amount of sniping on veterans' housing, housing frauds, and other obviously good propaganda openings. Periodic examination of the trends of new Communist pamphlets as displayed in their various bookstores shows nothing new on veterans since the abortive "Ruptured Duck" pamphlet of four years ago.

Summing up, it might be stated that short term Communist interest in the veteran at the present time is close to nil. Until there is a widespread depression with several hundred thousand or a million veterans out of work, the Communist master plotters have far more attractive lines of division and disunity to exploit.

COMMUNISM IN THE COLLEGES, RELIGION, & CULTURAL FIELDS

A young student at Northwestern University writing to the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission claims that speeches and orations delivered in oratorical contests (not the Legion's High School Oratorical Contest) have three strikes on them if they laud America, its land and its people and their ways. Last year the winner and runner-up delivered blistering attacks on the House Un-American Activities Committee and won the contest easily. He blamed the "very evident leftist attitudes of some of the professor-judges, who ate up everything denunciatory of America." His letter went on to say that "many were openly fellow travelers."

The SHOW UP, anti-Communist newsletter published in Phoenix, Arizona, makes an interesting observation. The editor points out the extraordinarily high percentage of Harvard Law School graduates named in the recent espionage hearings in Washington. The SHOW UP then points out that Harvard is an endowed school with some \$160,000,000 contributed by wealthy, successful alumni who probably never dreamed that at least part of their money would be used to train students for legal careers apparently devoted to destroying the very system that made their donations and Harvard possible. This obviously is no reflection on a great institution of learning such as Harvard as no university could possibly foresee years in advance what all of its graduates would do with the knowledge imparted to them. This ironic situation, however, does point up the curious defect in our educational system brought out by Miss Bentley in her testimony. Namely, that we spend billions to make young people smart and highly successful but that basic, elementary loyalty to one's land and people somehow gets bleached out and lost in the process in so many cases of adolescents seduced to Communism in their college years.

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America meeting recently in Pennsylvania called upon all Protestant Churches to face the world-wide advance of atheistic Communism with "sober realism". In a long and detailed policy document the conference stated, "Not since the spread of Islam in the seventh and eighth centuries has the Christian church met such a combination of fanatical zeal and political expansionism. Its ideas and at least its underground activities have reached all countries." The report went on to warn against a "wait and see attitude" while Communism "spreads with the speed of lightning because it offers the world's under-privileged masses the great and immediate hope of freedom from their bonds and disabilities and the betterment of their estate."

The House Un-American Activities Committee's recent pamphlet "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion" (U.S. Govt. Printing Office, 10 cents) was met with a blast by the Methodist Federation for Social Action's Commission for Propaganda Analysis. A special report prepared by this commission under the chairmanship of Prof. CLYDE R. MILLER, charged that the House Committee was working hand in glove with the Roman Catholic Church toward the destruction of Protestantism in America. The report, according to the New York Times charged that the Congressional Committee was seeking to link Protestantism with Communism. "An examination of the anti-Protestant propaganda which has come from the House Committee and which has been ardently exploited by the Roman Catholic hierarchy confirms that this propaganda is intended to make the word 'Communist' as potent a stimulus to automatic rejection as the word 'heretic' was during the Holy Inquisition -- as potent a stimulus as the word 'Jew' was in the Hitler regime in Germany." Prof. Miller's antipathy towards the House Un-American Activities Committee may have been stimulated by the fact that the Committee's Appendix IX lists him as having been active in or connected with at least twenty front organizations since 1934. WELL!!!

The last word from the Red Dean? Hewlott Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, took quick exception to President Truman's remark that some of Russia's leaders were eager for an understanding with the United States, implying that there was a split within the Politburo. Dean Johnson, who personally knows every member of the 11 man Politburo, issued a press statement in England saying, "No one in Russia, and I say this without qualification -- wants war." He said that his recent "lecture tour" in the U.S. convinced him that the average American wants an understanding with Russia. For the benefit of American "war-mongers" the Dean warned:

"Incidentally forget the idea of a push-button war. If the West fights the East it will be the most appalling, long, and bloody war the world has ever seen. If there is war we must think in terms of 200,000,000 Russians, 100,000,000 other east Europeans and two hundred to three hundred millions of Chinese. Partisan armies will spring up all over Europe. Even Marshal Tito will be right there alongside Russia."

The Red Dean, after chilling us with horror, did have a final good word for the United States. "Ah, that apple pie ala mode -- I shall never forget it." What no apple pie ala mode in the Workers' Glorious Fatherland?

The N.Y. County of the American Legion has asked Mayor O'Dwyer to end the use of public schoolrooms after hours by the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, listed as Communist and subversive by the U.S. Attorney General. For several years a number of N.Y. schools have been used by the I.W.O. for alleged instruction of Jewish children in Hebrew folklore and other Jewish subjects. The AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE AGAINST COMMUNISM filed the first protest after investigating the courses which it claimed were "atheistic" and strictly Communist Party line having nothing whatever to do with the legitimate teaching of Jewish courses. Closed hearings were held in the office of Andrew Clauson, President of the New York City Board of Education. LEE PRESSMAN appeared as counsel for the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER and Rabbi Benjamin Schultz spoke for the AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE AGAINST COMMUNISM.

The U.S. Government's Loyalty Check Program is drawing to a close with some 2,000,000 names checked and cleared. At the present time it appears that less than 400 federal employees were found doubtful security or loyalty risks and were either forced out or resigned under investigation. Actually only fifty-one persons were dismissed, the rest having resigned for unknown reasons. As the total cost of this program will be close to \$25,000,000 it cost an average of \$500,000 for each subversive forced out of the government. As one wag in Washington pointed out it would have been much cheaper to have offered a \$10,000 bonus to every Communist in the government in exchange for a letter of resignation. Final figures and statement have not yet been released by the Civil Service Loyalty Board headed by Seth Richardson but have been promised for the end of January.

COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

An old New York saw has it that "In New York you can see anything." Last week waterfront visitors were treated to the paradoxical sight of seamen pounding typewriters and stenographers picketing the tough N.M.U. seamen's hall. It all started with the purge of Commies in the N.M.U. last year. For many years the entire office staff was practically 100% Stalinist, all members of the UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS union (CIO). Non-Communist seamen complained that a number of their union's employees were often away from their work on party assignments elsewhere. Others spent more time spying on their non-Communist boss's phone calls and correspondence than they did in union work. With the ousting of the Communists from power in that union, the fate of the C.P. office hands was short-lived. All known or suspected Commies were fired. The union refused to hire new employees from the U.O.P.W.A. as it naturally feared it would merely get a flock of more Stalinists. Next came the picket line. Seamen members

familiar with office work then pitched in to carry on the work of the former party-liners. And there matters stand until the N.M.U. can find itself a non-Communist office force.

The House Un-American Activities Committee has issued another of its "100 Things You Should Know" pamphlets on Communism and the Labor Movement. It lists the names of Communist unions and Communist labor leaders. (10¢ at the Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C.) BEN GOLD, Pres. of the INTERNATIONAL FUR AND LEATHER WORKERS UNION (CIO) called the pamphlet "dirty, sadistic, and conspiratorial." HARRY BRIDGES of the I.L.W.U. also mentioned in the pamphlet was quoted by the N.Y. Times as saying, "It's not worth the union or myself wasting time to reply to the pipe dreams of the committee. That's all I have to say." The House Committee report stresses the fact that certain Communist-controlled unions offer a definite threat to American security in time of war and could undoubtedly seriously hamper the fighting power and industrial mobilization of the United States in time of crisis.

RKO'S film "I MARRIED A COMMUNIST", still in production, is already under heavy Communist attack as a "vicious, intolerant, red-baiting film detrimental to fundamental American principles and belief." Legion Posts, Districts, and Departments should write to RKO, Hollywood, California, asking that the film be released as soon as possible and be given a nation-wide distribution.

THE COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Speaking before the Workmens' Circle, a Jewish Fraternal order, Pres. William Green of the American Federation of Labor, stated that his organization would broaden its activities in its long fight against Communism. Green went

on to say that the A.F.L. would go on record as demanding severance of all trade relations with the Soviet Union until such time as Russia agrees to carry out her obligations and solemn agreements. Green called the Soviets the world's sole threat against a lasting peace and added that, "We feel that unless Soviet Russia abandons its policy of hostility, aggression, and war-mongering, the free nations of the world must enter into a defensive military alliance so powerful that even the Soviet leaders will be forced to come to their senses."

The Shanks Village Post of the Legion in Orangeburg, New York, has set an excellent example of what Posts can do to combat local subversive activities by publishing and distributing from time to time a mimeographed leaflet advising local citizens of Comry shenanigans in their community.

POST SCRIPTS published by the Erie, Pennsylvania Legion does an excellent job every week by reprinting excerpts from Counterattack, a weekly anti-Communist newsletter.

QUIPS AND BITS -- THE LIGHTER SIDE

Sergoi Prokofieff, Soviet composer, is still having trouble with his music. He formally admitted for a second time that he still had been unable to eliminate "bourgeois formalism" from his scores. In a letter to the Soviet Composers Union Prokofieff admitted that his critics were entirely right when they accused him of "decadent apolitical compositions showing servility to the bourgeois West." Prokofieff was warned almost a year ago to get right with the party line on musical composition but he just can't seem to get that Marxist-Leninist-Stalin downbeat. Tough!

One of the toughest problems in Russia in addition to merely managing to keep alive has been to find some sort of job where "deviationism", sabotage,

counter-revolution, "servile grovelling toward the decadent West", and "association with Trotzkyite-fascist mad dogs" cannot be framed against one as a result of his work. Harassed engineers, technicians, scientists, and other professionals have long sought out gardening, janitor, and similar menial positions as havens against being framed by their associates or the M.V.D. Mathematics and statistics, however, looked safe for a long time. Now the eagle-eyed M.V.D., secret police have uncovered plots against the people even in statistics and higher mathematics.

Planovoye Khozyastvo, the Soviet State Planning Commission, triumphantly reports that it has exposed some of these dangerous plotters who had a "tendency towards realistic theory regarding statistics as the sum of abstract mathematical propositions and results." Every Russian child knows that "western statisticians falsify their reports through complicated mathematical apparatus", says Planovoye. The learned Commission admits that "mathematics is a useful tool but it must be subordinate to the theories of Lenin and Stalin." Right as a trivet! Soviet mathematicians who have been "grovelling before western bourgeois statisticians" will in the future clear the multiplication table and differential calculus with Uncle Joe and the Politburo. Oh my aching $2 \times 4!!!$

The following was recently published in Pravda (The Truth) and was not intended to be funny:

"Mankind can see that the capitalist century is approaching an end, that Socialism and Democracy are invincible, that all the paths of historic development lead to Communism." Celebrating the 12th anniversary of the Soviet Constitution, Pravda went on to say, "The American Constitution, placed alongside the Soviet Constitution showed the former to be antiquated, undemocratic and hypocritical."

This puts our American Communists in direct jeopardy as their own "Constitution" specifically states, "The C.P. USA upholds the achievements of American democracy and defends the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights against

any reactionary enemy who would destroy democracy and popular liberties."
This places the American Communist Party in direct opposition to the line of Pravda, the voice of Uncle Joe. It's Mutiny!

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN writes some of the most touching and whimsical prose to be found in the whole DAILY WORKER. In a recent column she gushed in very best sob sister style of the '90s about a Commy hootenanny in south Philadelphia. Five people, bless their hearts, joined the Communist Party, including an A.F.L. hodcarrier and his wife. So overjoyed was the hodcarrier at his wife signing up with Stalin's Fifth Column that "he hugged and kissed his beautiful wife to the amusement of all present", according to la Flynn. Correction Lizzie. Not only to the amusement of all present, but to all hardened cynical Daily Worker readers, and to the even greater amusement of the thousands of government agents and other non-Communists who religiously read the D.W. every day and find little else to laugh about.

HOWARD FAST, literary white hope of the Stalinists, recently pulled a fast one (no pun intended) on the C.P. FAST, no doubt remembering Walter Duranty's book, "I WRITE AS I PLEASE" adopted that staunch slogan of sturdy American independence as the title of his new DAILY WORKER column. This raises a question for the Central Control Commission, oops we really mean "National Review Board". Is Howard insinuating that the other C.P. hacks on the D.W. staff write as they are told -- or what?

The Socialist CALL reports that I. Faizlun a Russian long distance swimmer claims that he set a new world's record of 74½ miles in the Volga. An A.P. report states that a Russian scientist has drilled a hole twenty miles deep. To both of which claims the CALL comments, "Fact of the matter, of course, is that both were caught trying to escape and had to go back."

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While a few speakers for the Area Subversive Activities Conferences are still unconfirmed the following speakers and subjects are scheduled as this issue of the Summary goes to press.

PROGRAM FOR
AREA SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONFERENCES

NEW YORK AREA CONFERENCE:

Dates: February 5 - 6

Meeting Place: Hotel Roosevelt, Foyer, Mezzanine Floor

Housing Accommodations: Hotel Roosevelt

Local Contact - K. Huggins, Assistant Director, National Americanism Commission,
The American Legion, Room 703, 1 Park Avenue, New York, New York

Speakers Confirmed:

Arthur Bliss Lane - Dangerous Aspects in Our Foreign Policy (Opening Speaker)

Eugene Lyons - Front Organizations and the Susceptible Liberals

Dr. J. B. Matthews - Stalin on America's College Campuses

Samuel M. Birnbaum - Legal and Legislative Aspects

Elizabeth Bentley - Communist Espionage and Government Infiltration

Benjamin Gitlow - C. P. - It's Organization, Psychology, Controls and
Discipline

Ben Mandel - Community Program of Counter-Subversion

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz - Communist Infiltration in the Churches

Prof. Vladimar Petrov, Yale University - Personal Experiences in a Soviet
Slave Labor Camp

Congressman Richard Nixon (California), House Un-American Activities Committee

INDIANAPOLIS AREA CONFERENCE:

Dates: February 12 - 13

Meeting Place: NEC Meeting Rooms

Housing Accommodations: Antlers Hotel

Local Contact - Americanism Division

Speakers Confirmed:

Dr. J. B. Matthews - Stalin on America's College Campuses

Elizabeth Bentley - Communist Espionage and Government Infiltration

Samuel M. Birnbaum - Legal and Legislative Aspects

Benjamin Gitlow - C. P. - It's Organization, Psychology, Controls and
Discipline

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz - Communist Infiltration in the Churches

Jerzy Gliksman - Personal Experiences in a Soviet Slave Labor Camp

Karl Baarslag - The Cold War against Communism

BIRMINGHAM AREA CONFERENCE:

Dates: February 19 - 20

Meeting Place: Hotel Redmont

Housing Accommodations: Hotel Redmont

Local Contact - Claude Haygood, Americanism Director, The American Legion of Alabama, Box 106, Montgomery, Alabama

Speakers Confirmed:

Dr. J. B. Matthews - Stalin on America's College Campuses

Elizabeth Bentley - Communist Espionage and Government Infiltration

Samuel M. Birnbaum - Legal and Legislative Aspects

Benjamin Gitlow - C. P. - It's Organization, Psychology, Controls and Discipline

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz - Communist Infiltration in the Churches

Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell, S.M. - Communism in the Labor Movement

Karl Baarslag - The Cold War against Communism

SAN FRANCISCO AREA CONFERENCE:

Dates: February 26 - 27

Meeting Place: California War Memorial Building, 223 Veterans Building

Housing Accommodations: Hotel Whitcomb

Local Contact - Harper Knowles, % California Department Headquarters, The American Legion, 117 War Memorial Building, San Francisco, California.

Speakers Confirmed:

Elizabeth Bentley - Communist Espionage and Government Infiltration

Benjamin Gitlow - C. P. - It's Organization, Psychology, Controls and Discipline

Dr. J. B. Matthews - Stalin on America's College Campuses

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz - Communist Infiltration in the Churches

Adolph Menjou - Communism in Movies, Radio and Theatre

Father Fealy - In the Churches

* Senator Jack Tenney - Communism in Labor and in State Governments

Richard Combes - Legal Aspects and the Cold War against Communism

* (Probable, but not confirmed.)

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Gurnea
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Pennington
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Gandy

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AMERICAN LEGION SERVES U. S. REACTION

Moscow, Soviet Overseas Service, in English to North America, Feb. 4, 1949.
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(Commentary by Vladov: "The American Legion")

(Text)

"The American Legion cannot complain of any lack of publicity in the United States. The press and the trusts and monopolies always have a great deal to say about the Legion, calling it a defender of the U. S. way of life, or a staunch guardian of law, order, and traditions. And there is heightened interest in the Legion during its annual conventions, which is understandable--the sensation-mongering press always finds a wealth of hair-raising news in the wild orgies that accompany the Conventions.

"It is hard to say what there is more of at these conventions of the American Legion--abusive anti-Soviet speeches, howls about fighting the trade unions, or criminal hooliganism on the part of the rowdies and 'Blue Caps.' At any rate, there's plenty of all of this. The everyday life of the Legion is also full of notable things. A meeting of the Progressive Party is to be broken up, a trade union leader to be attacked, a riot to be staged in a Negro district, a group of strike breakers to be sent to the scene of a strike. The American Legion is always right on hand and the bourgeois press takes great pleasure in giving all the details of the doings of the Legionnaires.

Powers Behind the Legion

"But strange as it may seem, you never find any mention in the newspapers of Hearst and McCormick, or Patterson and Roy Howard, of whom it is that pulls the strings of the American Legion or whose interests are served by the organization, one of the largest and most influential in present-day America. Apparently the real bosses of the United States have good reason to hide the truth about the American Legion. That this is so can be seen from Justin Gray's book 'The Inside Story of the Legion,' which was published in New York last year.

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"What does the American Legion look like through the eyes of Justin Gray. The Legion has a membership of about three and a half million veterans of the First and Second World Wars, plus 800,000 women in its auxiliary corps. The membership includes 44 Senators, 195 Congressmen, 26 Governors, five Cabinet Ministers, three Supreme Court Judges, and even the Attorney General of the United States. These facts speak for themselves.

'Founded by Big Business'

"Justin Gray establishes on the basis of extensive documentary material that the American Legion was founded by big business. The founders were Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., director of the American Express Company; Franklin (Dolair), manager of the Rockefeller Chase National Bank and a number of companies; David Goodrich, president of the Goodrich Company; Francis Appleton, a big figure on Wall Street, and others. The industrial and financial magnates have never skimped on money when it came to material support for their favorite child, the American Legion.

"On the pretense of being concerned about the needs of war veterans, the Morgans and Rockefellers have built up a huge organization to establish control over dissatisfied soldiers wanting to improve their postwar conditions. For 29 years the leaders of the American Legion have served Wall Street and its staff, the NAM (National Association of Manufacturers) body and soul.

Leaders 'Direct Agents of Wall Street'

"Justin Gray points out that the American Legion has the closest connections with people whom Franklin D. Roosevelt once called 'the American Economic Royalists.' Of the 29 Legion commanders elected for one year, 26 have been direct agents of Wall Street, eight committees of the Legion are headed by people who at the same time have occupied or now occupy positions in the NAM. That is why the ruling clique of the Legion has always been guided in its activity in the interests of big capital rather than by the vital interests of rank-and-file war veterans.

"You don't have to go far to find examples of this. An acute problem for the veterans of the Second World War is the housing question, as everyone knows. On returning in 1945, the veterans found park benches, Hooverville shacks, and trailers waiting for them in place of decent homes. They applied for aid from the Legion, but nothing came of it. With the active assistance of the Legion executives, private building companies managed to defeat a bill for federal control in housing construction for former servicemen.

'Political Coloring'

"The political coloring of the Legion is particularly evident in its attitude towards the working class and the trade union movement in the United States. The *TIME* Magazine wrote back in 1935--and *TIME* is far from friendly to American labor--that ever since the battle in Centralia, Washington, in 1919, the American Legion had been potentially the strongest strike-breaking organization in the country. According to Justin Gray, as soon as it is a question of the activity of trade union leaders at industrial establishments, the Legion leaders immediately discard their mask of democrats and begin to speak the language of Hitler's storm troopers.

"There is another significant detail about the policy pursued by the leadership of the American Legion. We refer to the Legion's close cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation under George Edgar Hoover. It suffices to say that a permanent liaison officer of the FBI (Pennington) is attached to the Legion's national headquarters, and today the Legion bosses are throwing all their energies into an inglorious witchhunt in cahoots with the FBI and the notorious Thomas-Bankin Committee.

Legion-Fascist Ties

"At the same time the Legion leaders maintain a touching friendship with the outright fascist groups in the United States and give them patronage. The leaders of the American Legion never concealed their sympathies for German and Italian fascism. Many legionnaires probably still remember how 1931 Commander (Ralph O'Neill) extended greetings to Mussolini on behalf of the National Executive Committee of the Legion and how 2 years later Vice Commander (William Edward Eastman, Jr.), in a fit of enthusiasm even offered the Italian Duce the title of honorary member of the Legion.

"The author of the 'Inside Story of the Legion' is very correct in saying that the American Legion may play the same role in the United States as the fiery crosses did in France, the Blackshirts in Italy, and Hitler's storm troopers in Germany.

"The Legionnaires who during the election campaign of 1948 helped to break up meetings called by Wallace's Progressive Party and who support the Mundt Bill for a control over (thought), Justin Gray says, are willy-nilly following in the footsteps of those who saddled mankind with the Second World War. The past and present policy and practice of the leaders of the American Legion show that in actual fact the Legion has become a 'storm detachment' of the American reactionaries.

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"This policy is profoundly alien to the interests of the average American who stands for a lasting peace and international . . . another world war and who is working for better conditions for American labor."

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